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## Major was ready to quit for Clarke

**BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD**  
JOHN MAJOR almost quit as Prime Minister in the week after Britain left the European exchange-rate mechanism in 1992. He wrote a resignation statement and was even thinking of Kenneth Clarke as his preferred successor, but he was talked out of going after two hours of anguished soul-searching with his private secretary, Stephen Wall.

Three years later when he was again on the rack over Europe, Mr Major allegedly tried to do a secret deal with Sir James Goldsmith. He is said to have promised the Referendum Party leader that he would try to persuade the Cabinet of the need for a plebiscite on Britain's relations with Europe if Sir James held fire in his own campaign — which was eventually to cost the Tories many Westminster seats.

The disclosures and allegations come from two insiders whose accounts appear in *The Times* as Mr Major prepares to address the Tory conference today. According to Mr Major's official biographer Anthony Seldon, stories that Mr Major lost his nerve or wobbled on September 16, 1992 — Black Wednesday — were without foundation. In fact, his book tells how Mr Major overruled his Chancellor, Norman Lamont, on crucial decisions that day, including the raising of interest rates to 15 per cent in a vain attempt to keep Britain in the ERM.

But his mood darkened in the following days, Seldon writes. "He repeatedly pondered the idea of his resignation, floating it with several colleagues on the evening of Tuesday 22 September. 'Despite finding no support, he would not leave the subject alone, and came close to putting it into practice on the Wednesday. He went as far as to write out the script for a resignation broadcast, and tip off Kenneth Clarke that he should prepare himself for a leadership election.' That evening, he tried to show the text to Mr Wall who refused to read it; instead they talked for two hours. 'Major subsequently regarded this conversation as crucial to his decision to carry on.' And when Mr Lamont offered his resignation to Mr Major, he was told that neither would be stepping down.

## Play the game, public schools tell their boys

**BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR**  
A CODE of conduct to stamp out indiscipline and gamesmanship imported from professional sport in matches between schools was unveiled last night by the heads of leading independent schools. Following a series of incidents on and off the pitch at school matches, the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference is to urge its members to take a stronger hand in disciplining teams. Parents will also be warned about bad language and aggression when cheering from the sidelines.



Tony Blair in Moscow yesterday with Olga Moshkizova, winner of a British Council competition

## Stranger on the Moscow Metro

**FROM RICHARD BRESTON IN MOSCOW**  
IRINA SILINA expected to have a quiet mid-afternoon visit to her lecture across town yesterday until her Metro carriage was invaded by Russian secret policemen and a smiling Tony Blair.

Margaret Thatcher, who many believe is still in power. Others, like the granite-faced Metro attendants returned the smile, particularly when Mr Blair's legs were momentarily crushed by the automatic turnstiles, which had rejected the special card handed to him only moments earlier by Dmitri Gaiyev, the embassied director of the Metro.

## Rare grave of Saxon found at F-111 base

**BY NICK MITTALL**  
ARCHAEOLOGISTS have made an important Anglo-Saxon discovery in the middle of the US Air Force F111 fighter base at Lakenheath in Suffolk. It was announced last night. One grave, dating from AD550, contains a horse and its nobleman rider, who was buried with great ceremony. It was one of more than 140 graves discovered when bulldozers moved in to dig the foundations for a dormitory.

## Pentagon aide on spy charge

A former Pentagon lawyer and two other people have been arrested by the FBI on charges of spying for East Germany during the Cold War, the Justice Department said yesterday.

## Judge's apology

The judge heading the Hillsborough inquiry apologised to relatives of the victims for a slipshod remark. There were calls for Lord Justice Sackville-Smith to be removed for asking a heated father: "Have you got a few of your people or are they like the Liverpool fans — turn up at the last minute?"

## Barclays strikes

Barclays Bank workers are to stage two one-day strikes this month in a pay dispute. Branch staff claim they are being forced to pay for the problems at BZW, Barclays' investment bank, where executives have been offered guaranteed bonuses to stay while a buyer is sought.

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## Age of the self-licked stamp comes to a sticky end

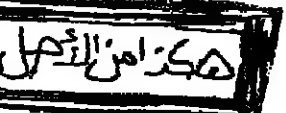
**BY PETER FOSTER**  
AFTER nearly four years research scientists at the Royal Mail have perfected the self-adhesive stamp. From next spring, it will go on sale across Britain, saving millions from the tedium of licking and sticking.

The stamps will be sold in self-dispensing boxes of 100 and are aimed at businesses too small to own a franking machine but with enough out-going mail to make the self-adhesive stamp the greatest thing since the office boy.

soaking used stamps off letters or removing them.  
The fiddly stamping, ally and tormentor of generations of collectors, will be no help in the face of the sticky stamp. Mr Kiddie also believes the modern glue, just as a piece of transparent brown with age, will corrode the stamps in albums.



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## Trial by temptation as chocoholic Bar chews over the evidence

BY ROBIN YOUNG

IT WAS a case, counsel suggested, in which the evidence might best be taken in bite-sized pieces.

In Court 59 at the Royal Courts of Justice, bars of chocolate were handed appreciatively from bench to bench, from solicitor to barrister, from marshal to marshal and from marshal to judge.

So far as one could see none was eaten, but at the end of yesterday's

hearing the judge, Mr Justice Laddie, said he could not promise that his collection would survive the night.

It was the opening of what is expected to be a seven-day hearing in which the Swiss chocolate industry is attempting to stop Cadbury, the British chocolate company, from marketing a bar called Swiss Chalet.

Simon Thorley, QC, for Choco Suisse and the Swiss choco-

late companies Suchard and Lindt as plaintiffs, said that Swiss Chalet was made in the UK and did not conform to Swiss standards of chocolate-making because it contained a high percentage of vegetable fat and chocolate of coarser particle size than the Swiss industry would permit.

Mr Thorley said that Swiss chocolate had a particularly high reputation, and supported this suggestion with bars of Swiss

chocolate marketed under that name by Marks & Spencer and Tesco, which he passed up to the judge. "It shows you have a reputation if people want to join your club. If no one wanted to join you would have a problem."

Mr Justice Laddie queried whether chocolate made in Switzerland to Swiss regulations, which have recently changed to permit the use of 5 per cent vegetable fat, would be recognised

as Swiss. Mr Thorley replied that it would depend on many factors. "but Cadbury's Swiss Chalet is not made to any Swiss recipe, and resembles Dairy Milk rather than any Swiss chocolate. It is not made in Switzerland and it does not conform to Swiss regulations."

He added that it was not his case that Cadbury made substandard chocolate. "I can eat this with confidence," the judge asked, holding up his bar of Swiss Chalet.

"Yes, unless you are allergic to hazelnuts," Mr Thorley replied. "I am only allergic to dieting."

The judge said, returning the bar to his stockpile with contentment. Shortly after Mr Thorley could not resist quoting a respondent in a survey carried out by Cadbury. Asked what he could tell the researcher about Swiss Chalet, the respondent had replied: "It is made by Cadbury. They do not make real chocolate." However,

Mr Thorley has already admitted one embarrassing precedent. "Between 1991 and 1994," he admitted, "Lindt UK marketed in Britain an Easter egg which was called Swiss Chalet."

"The other plaintiffs in this case did not know of that, and as far as they are concerned they feel that obviously it should not have happened. They were made in the UK, but their sales were small." The hearing continues.

## Plain English flew over tale of office affair

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

AN EMPLOYEE of the Plain English Campaign resorted to plain speaking in the face of rumours that he was having an affair with a female colleague, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Martin Nobbs, 53, accused Chrissie Maher, founder of the group committed to fighting gobbledegook, of helping to fuel a whispering campaign. He marched into her office at the group's headquarters in New Mills, Derbyshire, threw his briefcase across the desk and demanded: "What the \*\*\*\* is going on?"

Mr Nobbs, an assistant development officer, had returned from holiday to find that office desks had been rearranged so that he and his colleague, Jill Cusway, 29, were separated from each other. He also claimed he had been "bounced" from a planned presentation in North

Yorkshire that would have required the couple to stay overnight.

Mr Nobbs, a married man from Bakewell, Derbyshire, later resigned, claiming that Miss Maher had made his professional life unbearable. He is claiming constructive dismissal from his £12,000-a-year post.

Miss Maher, who strongly denies spreading rumours about Mr Nobbs, said that during summer last year, he and Mrs Cusway had taken a trailer and caravan "road-show" around the country, giving presentations. At around this time rumours had begun in the office that they were sleeping together.

Miss Maher said that Mr Nobbs and Mrs Cusway did develop a close relationship, getting on very well and going everywhere together.

The dispute between Miss

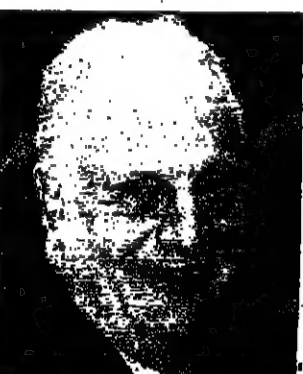
Maher and Mr Nobbs came to a head in February last year when Mr Nobbs discovered that he and Mrs Cusway were no longer going to Scarborough. He accused Miss Maher of asking David Bray, a freelance speaker, to deliver the presentation on the grounds that Mr Nobbs and Mrs Cusway could not go because they were having an affair.

Miss Maher denied this. In her evidence she said: "It is quite untrue to suggest that I told David Bray the reason she was not sending them was because they were having an affair. I heard rumours that they were having an affair, but I couldn't believe it."

She added: "He walked into the office, threw his case on the desk and said: 'What the \*\*\*\* is going on? Why are Jill and I not going?' When he had asked her to stop the work in the office to tell employees that there was no affair, she had told him not to be so silly."

George Morrison, for Mr Nobbs, said the tribunal had heard nothing to suggest that Mr Bray was lying when he had said that Miss Maher had told him that the reason she was refusing to send Mr Nobbs and Mrs Cusway to Scarborough was because they were having an affair. He said that after Miss Maher refused to investigate the rumours he had to resign.

The tribunal panel, sitting in Manchester, reserved judgment.



Martin Nobbs said Chrissie Maher's actions left him no alternative but to resign from his job



Lisa Potts, Queen Noor of Jordan, Rita Restorick and Doreen Lawrence at the Women of the Year Awards at the Savoy Hotel in London

## Women honoured for braving disaster

THREE of Britain's most courageous women were honoured for their heroism yesterday at the Women of the Year Awards (Carol Midgley writes).

Lisa Potts, the nursery nurse awarded the George Medal for bravery for saving children from a machete-wielding attacker, was commended with Doreen Lawrence, mother of the murdered black teenager Stephen Lawrence, and Rita Restorick, who has campaigned for peace in Northern Ireland since her soldier son was shot

dead by an IRA sniper. The 500 guests at the event held at the Savoy Hotel, London, included royalty, celebrities and leading businesswomen.

Queen Noor of Jordan, the special guest, led the gathering in a minute's silence for Diana, Princess of Wales. The Princess had been guest of honour at two previous lunches. Also among the guests was Jean Aitchison, Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Communication at Oxford University.

Queen Noor presented the Frink

Award to Elaine Noad, director of community services with South Ayrshire Council. Blind for 20 years, Mrs Noad, 40, has held the most senior position of any blind person in local government.

Mrs Lawrence said: "I have always been proud of my son and I hope that young people can take courage from him and reach their potential in life when he was robbed of his."

Ms Potts, 22, said of her experience: "That day, my life changed completely. One moment I was a nursery nurse,

the next I was all over the media just because I did something which was so instinctive." She is now involved in charity work and is writing a children's prayer book.

Mrs Restorick paid tribute to both her son and the Roman Catholic woman injured by the same bullet that killed him. She said: "If anyone was a woman of courage it was Lorraine McLroy, who spoke out. Living in a border area, that took a lot of courage. That guided me as to how I could come to terms with Stephen's death."

## Hindley is moved to be near friend

BY STEWART TENDLER  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE moors murderer Myra Hindley has been temporarily transferred from the top security unit at Durham to Highpoint prison in Suffolk to allow her to have more visits.

It is thought the move will allow Hindley to see her friend Nina Wilde, a criminologist she reportedly "married" at a secret lesbian ceremony in Hindley's cell at Durham jail two years ago.

Highpoint prison originally housed only male prisoners, but was nicknamed the "Hid-eh" prison because of the large number of escapes. There were riots in the prison, and drug testing was introduced in 1994. The female wing was opened last year.

Hindley has served 31 years for her part in the murders of four children with her lover Ian Brady. She has been told that she will never be released, but a court case is planned later this year to challenge the decision.

According to Prison Service officials, she has been moved to Highpoint as part of standard procedure to help to clear up a backlog of visits that she is owed.

## Rape case told of hoorays as six officers had sex

BY TIM JONES

SIX naked army officers cheered and shouted "hooray" as they took it in turns to have sex with a young student, a court was told yesterday. Officer Cadet Nicholas Ottinger, 20, had told a police interviewer that the woman, 23, was laughing and joking as they took it in turns to have intercourse with her, Oxford Crown Court was told.

In his interview, Mr Ottinger claimed the woman had been a willing participant. He said: "We all laughed and cheered and hoorayed. It was excellent fun. That is how it went on for about 20 minutes. Everybody was laughing and joking. Everybody seemed perfectly happy."

Denying he had forced himself on her against her will, he said: "We are all responsible guys and integrity is part of the job."

He claimed that as the woman lay naked on a bed at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, near Faringdon, Oxfordshire, she was playing with two men who were lying on either side

of her while having sex with another. The following day, he said, another officer, who is not involved in the case, said the woman was upset because she felt she had been treated like "a piece of meat".

"The guys were quite shocked about that so we said we would send her some flowers. We all chatted together and bought her a nice bouquet," Mr Ottinger said. Captain Ian Barlow, 29, Captain Philip Bates, 25, Lieutenant Darren Bartlett, 24, Matthew Tupling, 24, and Officer Cadets Andrew Stout and Ottinger, both 20, all deny raping the woman in May last year. They claim that after cavorting naked with her in a sauna at the college, she went willingly to a bedroom where consensual sexual acts took place as they watched a pornographic video and drank spirits.

Mr Stout told the police: "It was all very jolly and she was not upset at all. I had been looking forward to it but at the time I didn't really enjoy it."

The case continues.

## PC 'helped man track wife's lover'

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A POLICE officer helped a man to track down his ex-wife's new lover through his car registration number, a court was told yesterday.

PC Lawson Jones, 49, ran the check on the numberplate at the request of his friend Martyn Elliott, who then boasted to his ex-wife that he knew more about her new man than she did, the jury at Swindon Crown Court was told. Mr Elliott told her he had found out all about her lover with the help of "a friend who owed him a favour".

Father-of-two Mr Elliott, 48, who was divorced from his wife Christine in 1994, turned to PC Jones for help in tracing her new boyfriend last February, it was alleged. Mrs Elliott had moved out of the marital home in Westbury, Wiltshire, and gone to live in Skelton, North Yorkshire.

PC Jones, of Westbury, who worked in the Force Intelligence Bureau at Wiltshire Police, denies knowingly disclosing personal information, an offence under the Data Protection Act. Mr Elliott denies procuring the disclosure of personal data.

The trial continues.

## Sizzling sausages cost Scouts dear

BY PAUL WILKINSON

MORE than 250 children face the closure of their Scout and Guide group after a neighbour convinced a court that their activities were too noisy.

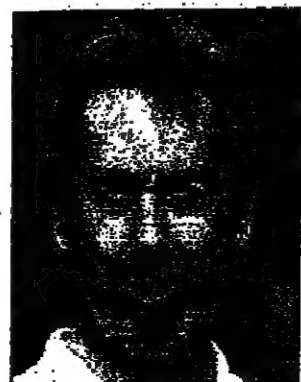
Graham Betts had kept a 21-year catalogue of the disturbances at the Scout hut next door, from the sizzling of sausages to feet-skippering during a Guide meeting.

Mr Betts, described in court as a professional complainer, had successfully obtained a noise abatement order against the Brayton Scout and Guide Association near Selby in North Yorkshire. Yesterday the town's magistrates rejected the group's appeal against the order. The association was given 26 weeks to carry out sound-deadening work, and was ordered to pay £3,000

towards the costs of Selby council, which had imposed the order.

Outside court Tony Williams, the association's secretary, said: "We do not have sufficient funds to pay these costs or to pay for the type of work suggested by the council. We will have to call an extraordinary general meeting of parents, but things are looking very bad. It means 250 children will have to find something else to do."

The court was told that Mr Betts, 47, a former power station engineer, had recorded the noise the Scouts and Guides made, including such traditional activities as British bulldog, indoor football and skipping. He told the court the nuisance had existed



Mr Betts said noise of games was horrendous

since he moved into his detached house in the village in 1976. He claimed that the "interminable" noise from the Scout hut had been a source of great annoyance. Heavy stomping on the hut's wooden

floor was the main nuisance. Mr Betts, whose wife Josephine is deputy headmistress at the local infants school, said: "Take skipping. If you have 12 people simultaneously jumping on the floor, then the sound can be horrendous. I feel that over the years we have been tolerant, patient and generous." He had offered £1,000 towards the cost of soundproofing.

At an earlier hearing, Alan Sellers, for the Scouts, said: "Mr Betts is quite simply a professional complainer who has, over the years, complained on literally hundreds of occasions."

Sheila Newsome, a Brownie leader, said Mr Betts was still complaining and had recently objected to an outdoor sausage sizzle because his washing was on the line.

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# Adams to confirm democratic intent

Sinn Féin seeks to reassure after 'smash Union' speech; says Martin Fletcher

FULL-SCALE peace talks open at Stormont today, with Gerry Adams striving to defuse a new row about the extent of Sinn Féin's commitment to peaceful democratic methods.

At the weekend, Martin McGuinness, Sinn Féin's chief negotiator, declared that his goal in the negotiations was to "smash" the Union. "We have not struggled for the last 27 years against the might of the British government, the British military forces, sometimes the Free State government and the British government to take one step towards consolidating partition on this island," he told a republican rally in Coalisland, Co Tyrone.

But last night Sinn Féin released a partial text of the opening speech that Mr Adams will deliver today in which he insists that Sinn Féin "is absolutely committed to democratic and peaceful methods of resolving problems". The Sinn Féin president says that while his party will be "seeking to promote the

broad nationalist objective of an end to British rule in Ireland", its objective would be "to achieve through dialogue among the Irish people an agreed Ireland".

He speaks of a "huge gap of mistrust between nationalists and Unionists" that "must be bridged", and of reaching an accommodation in which both traditions feel secure.

But even before Mr Mc-



McGuinness said he wanted to smash Union

Guinness's comments. Ulster Unionist Party leaders were adamant that Sinn Féin had no interest in a negotiated settlement, and that the only possible agreement to emerge from the talks would be with the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party provided it cast Sinn Féin adrift.

Reg Empey, an Ulster Unionist negotiator, said that Mr McGuinness's "rantings" were designed to placate supporters unhappy at the ceasefire and thus "a sign of weakness". Peter Robinson, of the Democratic Unionist Party, said that it was plain that Sinn Féin would accept only a united Ireland.

Lord Alderdice, leader of the Alliance Party, said that Mr McGuinness's remarks showed that the Sinn Féin leadership "does not yet realise the kind of democratic process which they have joined". He said: "These talks are about building a new stable, peaceful, democratic future."

On a BBC Radio Ulster yesterday, Mr McGuinness

conceded that "a tamer word such as 'end' the Union would have been more appropriate", adding "but that does not change the Sinn Féin message. Sinn Féin is an Irish republican party; we believe that British rule should end."

In Belfast today, the parties will set out their formal negotiating positions for the three strands of the talks — one dealing with internal political arrangements for Northern Ireland; another with North-South relations; and the third with relations between Dublin and London. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, will not have returned from Washington, where he is having discussions with members of the US administration.

The Irish Justice Minister, John O'Donoghue, will lead Dublin's delegation, replacing the Foreign Minister, Ray Burke, who is attending a funeral. Dublin emphasised last night that his absence was not connected to allegations that have been made against him.



Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, on Tyneside yesterday. She will be at Stormont for the talks today

## Why Unionists find republican charm offensive

Mutual trust between the participants is the key to success at the peace talks, says Martin Fletcher

IF HUMAN relations count in politics, the auspices for the full-scale peace talks opening at Stormont today are bleak.

In the month since Sinn Féin's historic admission to the Castle Buildings, the Ulster Unionists have fiercely resisted what they consider a devious republican charm offensive designed to break down their defences.

For at least three days a week they have to share the same building as Gerry Adams and his colleagues and, although they have offices on different floors, contact is unavoidable. Sinn Féin has more than 50 members accredited to the talks. They spread across the delegates' restaurant. They hold open doors for the Unionists, address them by their first names and try to engage them in conversation.

On one occasion Martin McGuinness, the Sinn Féin MP, pursued Ken Maginnis, the Unionist MP for Fermanagh, across the car park saying "Ken, why won't you shake hands? One day you're going to have to talk to me." Mr Maginnis was heard muttering, like a mantra, "I don't talk to murderers".

Sinn Féin spokesmen insist their policy is merely to be friendly and courteous and to "give people all the space they need to come round", but the Unionists say otherwise. "It's a mixture of charm and menace," said one "psyching out the enemy".

The Unionists treat the "Shimmers" as if they do not exist. They refuse to speak to them. They avoid eye contact. In plenary meetings they address only the chairman. After briefing the press one night David Trimble, the party leader, saw Mr Adams approaching the media room. "He said 'Right. Let's go out. Don't be intimidated' and walked straight past," an aide recalled.

One lunchtime, Jim Gibney, a member of Sinn

Féin's national executive, left the restaurant just as Mr Trimble was entering. "I said 'Good afternoon, Mr Trimble. How are you doing?' He just put his head down and walked in."

There are hints of a thaw in relationships between other parties. Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the nationalist SDLP, has to sit at the negotiating table next to John White, a member of the rivalist Ulster Democratic Party, who stabbed one of his friends to death in 1973. They talk, though not about the murder. "It's difficult, but the reality of political life is you can't choose your opponents," said Mr Mallon.

David Ervine and Gusty Spence, Progressive Unionist Party leaders who have both been jailed for loyalist paramilitary crimes, politely exchanged greetings with Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness when they encountered each other in the coffee bar one day. On the night of the breakthrough that made the full-scale peace talks possible, Mr Ervine stopped John Hume, the SDLP leader, in a corridor and said: "Thank you."

Government officials and other talks participants say progress depends on an element of trust developing between old foes, and they doubt Unionists will be able to sustain their abstract hatred of the "Shimmers" week after week, month after month, if forced to deal with them in person.

But the Unionists insist that the IRA ceasefire is bogus. Mr Maginnis, who has lost more than 200 constituents to the IRA and been targeted himself, said he would be "the last to suggest time doesn't heal, but there's certainly no healing process as far as myself and Sinn Féin-IRA is concerned... The scorning and disdain one has for them is hardly measurable it's so deep."

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# Al Fayed team 'lied' over last words of Diana

FROM BEN MACINTYRE  
IN PARIS

MOHAMED AL FAYED yesterday faced another damaging row over the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, after a spokesman for the Paris hospital where she died contradicted the millionaire's claim to have passed on her last words.

The day before the funeral of the Princess, Michael Cole, Mr Al Fayed's spokesman, said that the owner of Harrods had been approached at La Pitié Salpêtrière hospital on the day of her death "by someone... who helped the Princess during her final hours".

Mr Cole said that the Princess's "final words and requests" had been passed on by Mr Al Fayed to someone close to the Princess whom he refused to identify.

Thierry Meresse, head of communications at the hospital, yesterday said the story of the Princess's last words was "completely false" and "an invention by Mr Al Fayed's entourage".

The denial sparked an angry response from Mr Cole, who said that legal moves were under way in Paris "to find out why this was said and on what basis".

The hospital official said that the Princess never regained consciousness after she was admitted to the hospital on August 31, and added that "Michelle Bollet", the nurse he said had been identified by an Al Fayed lawyer as having heard the Princess's last words, did not exist.

"To make the story more credible, the name of a nurse was given," M Meresse said.



Cole declined to name source of story

## Wee Wee Frees attack funeral for 'superstition'

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE ultra-strict Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland has criticised Earl Spencer, Elton John, the Dean of Westminster Abbey and the public for the way in which they mourned the Princess.

The Rev Neil Ross, of Dingwall, Ross-shire, a leading light in the small Calvinist church known as the Wee Wee Frees, says that people showed "a dismal lack of spiritual understanding" and acted almost as if the Princess should be worshipped like a saint.

In the October edition of *Free Presbyterian Magazine and Monthly Record*, Mr Ross writes: "To show proper civil respect at the death of those of high status is one thing, to speak of them as if they were to be worshipped is deplorable."

While expressing sadness at the "horrible circumstances" of the Princess's death, Mr Ross accuses the clergy at her funeral of "Romish superstition" because of the way they addressed not God but the deceased.

He says the Dean, the Very Rev Wesley Carr, spoke to the Princess as if she was alive saying: "Diana, our companion in faith and sister in Christ... Earl Spencer is also criticised for speaking directly

The publisher of *Diana, Her True Story* said yesterday that he had paid James Colthurst, a friend of the Princess, to be the intermediary between her and Andrew Morton, the book's author. Michael O'Mara said that Dr Colthurst had not sought payment. Earl Spencer is understood to have dropped legal attempts to stop publication of the revised edition.

"We do have a nurse with that surname... but not the same Christian name." He added that the nurse called Bollet who does work at La Pitié Salpêtrière, one of 10,000 members of staff, was not on duty that night, does not work in the ward where the Princess was treated and could not have met her.

Members of the Spencer family have also taken issue with claims that the Princess uttered any last words. Mr Cole yesterday declined to identify the source of the story: "We have never mentioned any person or their gender or identified them in any way."

The Al Fayed camp has declined to say whether the source was a hospital employee, nor where or when the Princess's supposed "last words" were spoken. "Mohamed Al Fayed was the first person to arrive at the hospital from Britain," Mr Cole said. "A third person introduced him to this person who wanted to approach him. He took that in good faith and discharged his duty."

"There was no reason to want to invent this, and it's malicious and unkind to suggest otherwise," he added.

M Meresse said he had decided to refute the claims made by the Al Fayed camp only after Trevor Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the crash, was flown back to Britain last Friday.

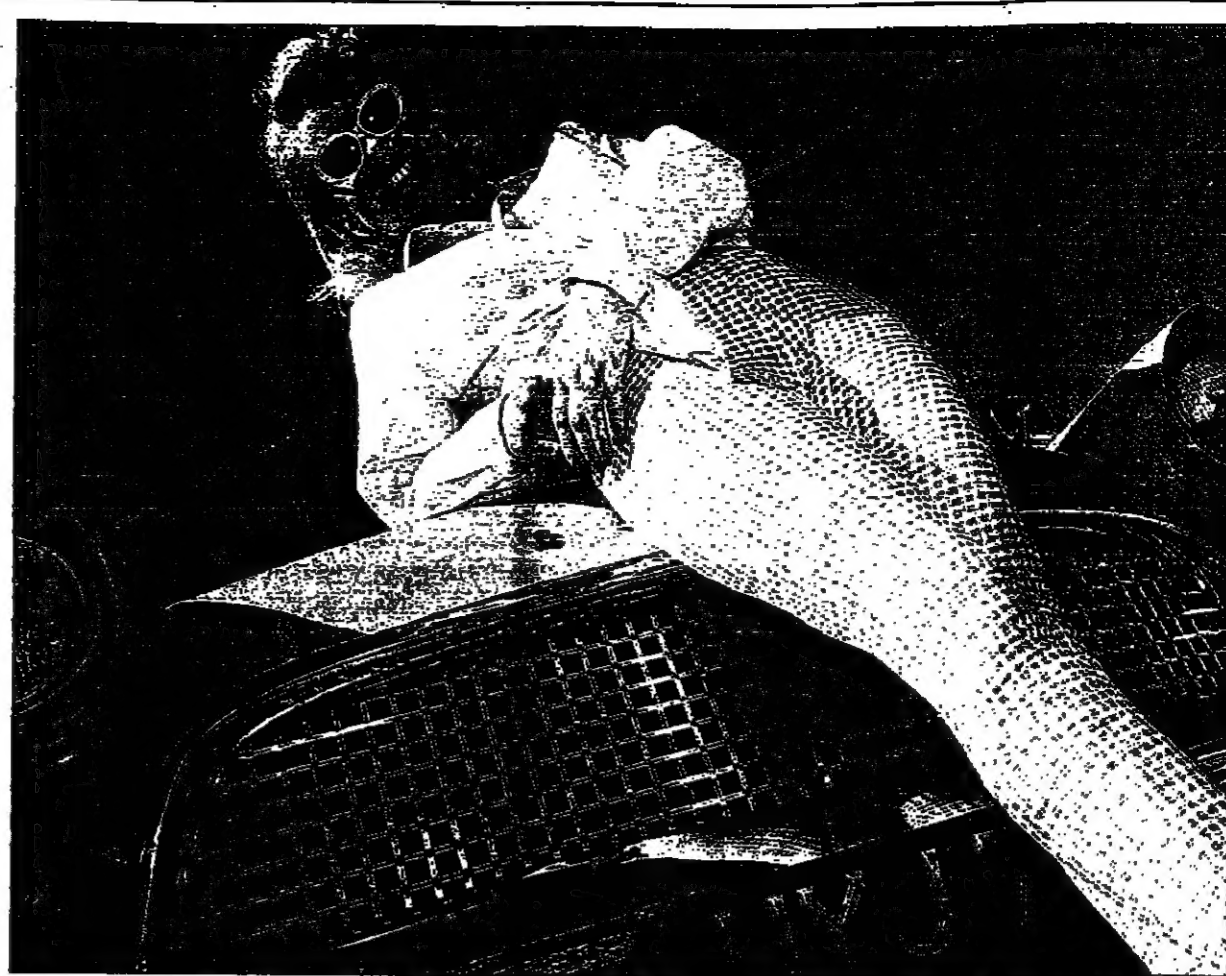
Mr Al Fayed's spokesmen also strongly denied reports of a series of clashes with the hospital over moving Mr Rees-Jones to a private hospital and allowing lawyers to see him. Mr Cole said relations with the hospital had always been cordial.

The dispute over the Princess's "last words" is the

latest in a series of public relations rows involving Mr Al Fayed. Immediately after the crash, Mr Cole accused photographers following the car of behaving like "Red Indians" and of direct responsibility for the deaths of the Princess, Dodi Fayed and the car's driver, Henri Paul.

But as the investigation continued it became clear that the photographers were some distance behind the car when it crashed. Medical evidence showed that M Paul was three times over the legal drink-driving limit. Mr Al Fayed's spokesmen first demanded additional tests, and then fell silent as the focus switched to the possible responsibility of the Ritz for allowing M Paul to drive.

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Joanne Watts, who often dressed as Monroe for classic car shows, disappeared on the way to her shop

## Marilyn Monroe lookalike vanishes

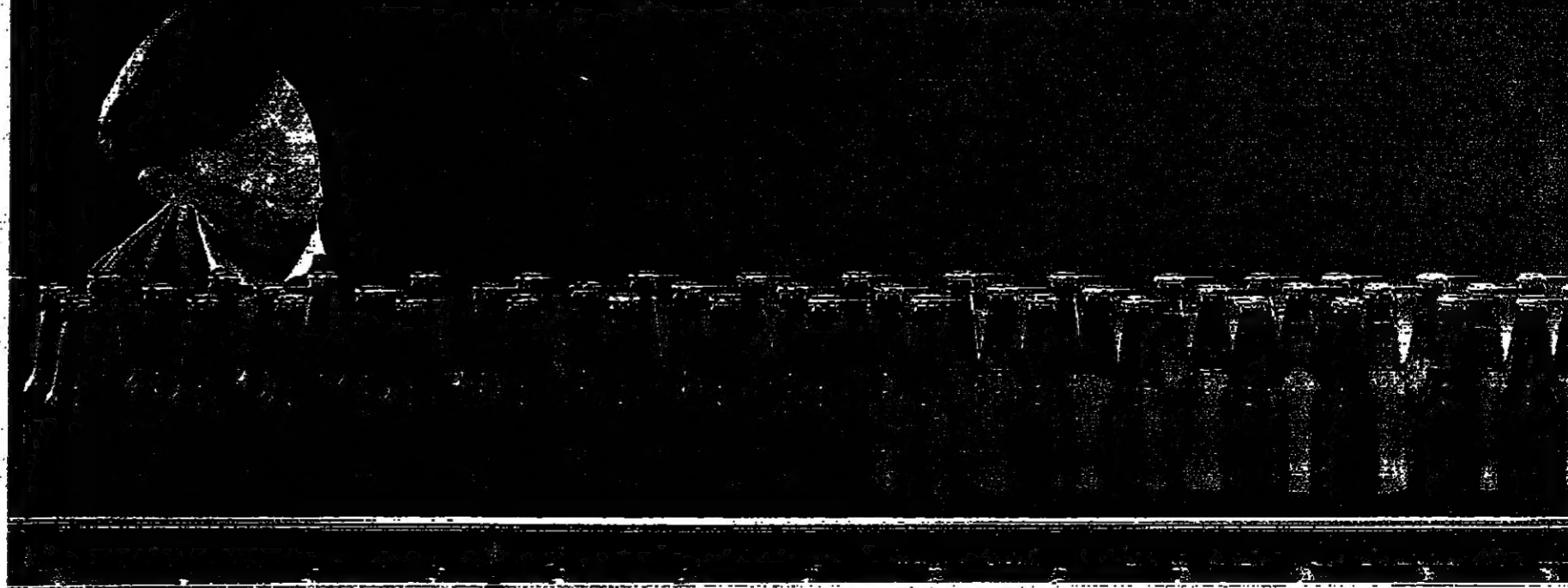
THE husband of a missing Marilyn Monroe lookalike spoke yesterday of his fears for her safety. Gary Watts, 33, said that his wife, Joanne, who often dressed as the star for 1950s classic car shows, had been her usual happy self when she left their home in Gosport, Hampshire, on Saturday to visit a fancy dress shop she owned.

"She told me she was going to go to a book fair in Alverstoke, then go on to the shop. She would have very little money on her. She just went out in jeans and a shirt."

Mr Watts has kept his wife's disappearance a secret from their children Jody, five, and Jasmine, eight.

Gosport police are appealing for two of her friends, Claire and Sarah, from the Hilsa area of Portsmouth, to contact them. Mrs Watts, 35, is 5ft 5in tall and was driving a blue Fiat Strada Cabriolet, registration B131 XOW.

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# Mother behind anti-drugs campaign was heroin supplier

She showed off her son's body to warn his friends but hid truth about herself, reports Simon de Bruxelles



Thummler drug dealer

A WOMAN who launched an anti-drugs campaign after her 14-year-old son died of an overdose was yesterday convicted of supplying heroin.

Tracy Thummler, 35, displayed her son Damien's body to his friends in an attempt to scare them away from drugs after his death in July last year. But Thummler, of Nantyglo, South Wales, was herself a dealer and heroin user with a £30-a-week habit.

Yesterday she admitted possessing and supplying heroin at Newport Crown Court. David Webster, for the prosecution, said police

moved in after a tip-off that drugs were being sold from Thummler's home. A buyer told detectives how she let him in to the house and took him upstairs to see her other son, Luke. The buyer paid for a £5 deal, which was handed to him by Thummler. Shortly afterwards police raided the house and arrested both Thummler and her son.

Mr Webster said: "She said in interview that she did not take drugs herself and had no knowledge of her son's activities."

But two months later, Thummler was stopped in her car as she drove home from Bristol and drugs squad

officers found 565mg of heroin on her. "She was arrested and admitted she had smoked heroin for six months," Mr Webster said. "She had bought the heroin that day in Bristol and spent £30 a week on her own consumption."

Judge Tom Crowther put Thummler on probation for 12 months. Although the offences were "not trivial", he said they were not serious enough for prison. He told her: "I should give you the opportunity to take advantage of the support of the Probation Service and demonstrate that you are capable of breaking this noxious habit and

leading a more satisfactory and happy life in future." At an earlier hearing Luke Thummler admitted supplying heroin and was sent to a young offender institution for four years.

Damien died from an overdose of methadone, a heroin substitute prescribed to his brother. Before Damien's funeral Thummler invited his friends to see his body in a coffin at her home.

She warned the youngsters: "If you take drugs you'll end up the same way as Damien. Say no to drugs. It's an evil trade."

She backed a "Shop A Dealer" telephone hotline which the public could use to pass on information to police.

In an interview last November she said: "Luke had been doing very well and was nearly off drugs when Damien died. He idolised his brother and is determined to get rid of the problem that took Damien away. I wander around expecting him to come in laughing like he used to. But he's gone and the drug pushers are still out there. They wait to pounce on other children."

Before the drugs he was a very loving little boy. He liked swimming and reading the Bible."



Damien: overdose at 14

## I did not break the law, Porter tells High Court

DAME Shirley Porter, the former Conservative leader of Westminster City Council, yesterday declared her innocence as she began her legal challenge to the £31 million surcharge imposed over the "homes-for-votes" scandal.

She is one of several former councillors and officers who claim that the district auditor, John Magill, acted unlawfully and unfairly by accusing them of "wilful misconduct" and "disgraceful and improper gerrymandering" over the sale of council homes in marginal wards between 1987 and 1989. In May last year, Mr Magill made the councillors and council officials "jointly and severally" liable to repay the amount he estimated to have been wrongly spent as they sold council homes to people thought to be likely to vote Conservative.

Dame Shirley, 66, heiress to the Tesco shopping empire, stood on the steps of the High Court in London yesterday and said: "I am absolutely innocent and I am here today to clear my name."

She was cross-examined by Alan Jones, QC, for the district auditor, who claimed that she had expected everyone — councillors, officers and private consultants alike — to

Westminster's

former leader

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reports

push through Conservative policies. This, he said, included seeking to increase the Tory vote in eight marginal wards, by ensuring that there were "the right sort of people in the right areas".

Dame Shirley insisted that she had always acted properly, telling the court: "At no time would we have undertaken any policy which was in any way illegal. I have a very healthy respect for the law. I have been a magistrate for many years. The last thing I would wish to do is to lead a council into anything illegal. We were the number-one council and still are."

Mr Jones accused her of blurring the "great divide" between politics and council

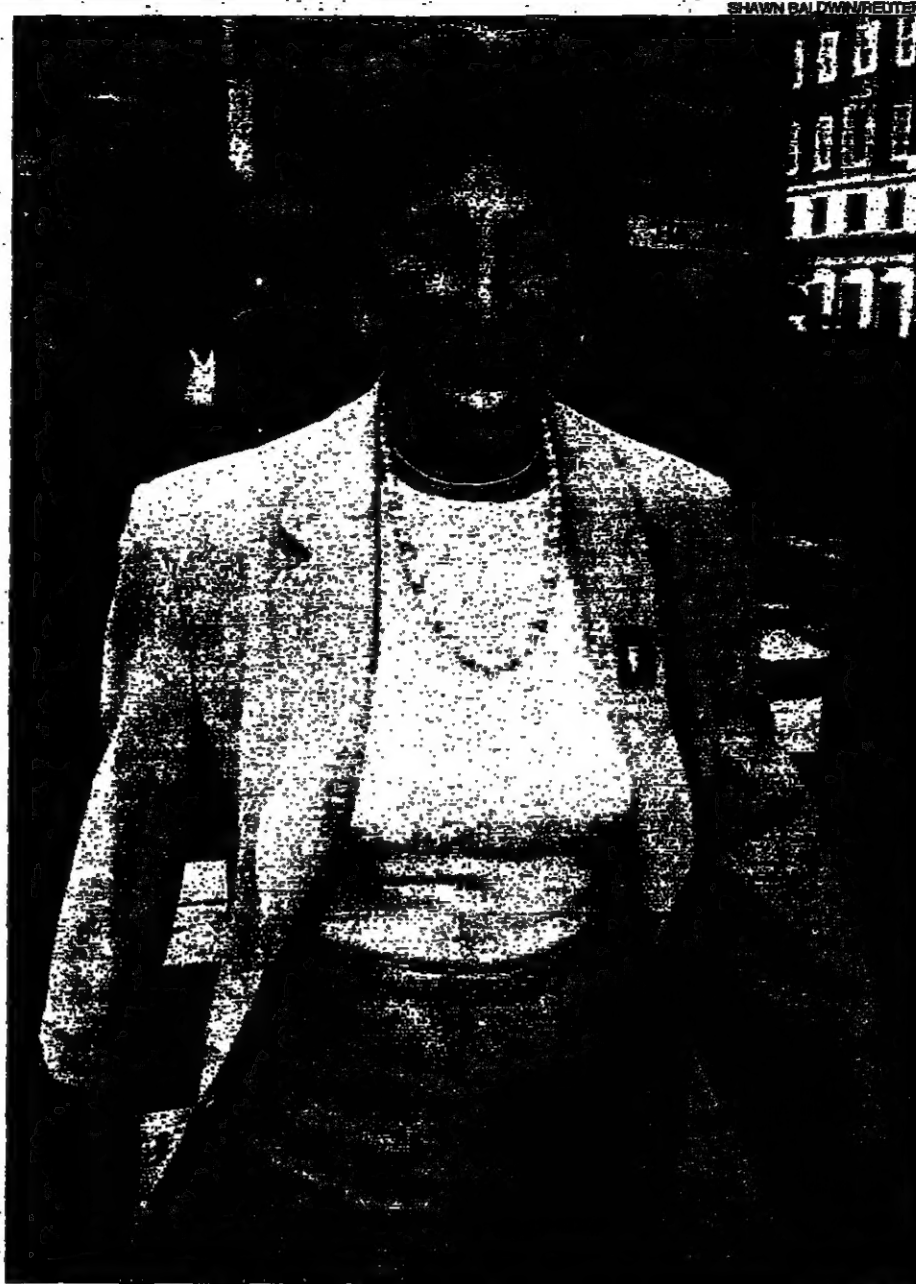
business by asking employees to draft reports and carry out other work on party political matters as opposed to legitimate council work.

When council employees were unable to provide justifications for Tory policies, he claimed, private consultants had been asked to produce "fancy economic reasons" for packing key seats with pro-Tory council home buyers.

He accused Dame Shirley of being present in September 1986 when a group of consultants was told the aim was to "push Labour voters out of marginal wards". Dame Shirley denied this, saying: "The aspirations were to encourage the right sort of people to come in rather than to push people out." Asked by Mr Jones who she viewed as the "right sort", she replied "good citizens".

Dame Shirley insisted that policy had never been put into action without taking advice from council officers and lawyers to make sure it was legal.

Dame Shirley said that she had no real recollection of many conversations and meetings because they had happened ten years ago, and she had tried to "blot out" many of the events because of a hostile media attack on her. The hearing continues.



Dame Shirley Porter at the High Court in London

## Counsellor in debt to dealer grew cannabis

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A DRUGS user who reformed and became a counsellor to help others was blackmailed into growing cannabis after a chance meeting with someone from his past life, a court was told yesterday.

Aaron Gledhill was reminded that he owed £12,000 to the LSD supplier when he met him during a prison visit. The 32-year-old father of two was told his family would be harmed if he did not comply.

Police, tipped off to the sophisticated cultivation system he set up in a flat he owned near his home in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, found more than 80 cannabis plants. There were special lights and heaters, water pumps, timers and trays, all designed to keep the flat at the right temperature and humidity. The power supply had been tampered with to hide the amount of electricity used.

Gledhill, who admitted growing the banned plants and fraudulently extracting electricity, was jailed for 18 months by York Crown Court. Sentencing him, Judge Arthur Myerson, QC, said: "You chose to put on the market that which you were being paid to prevent. You betrayed your job as a narcotics counsellor."

Gledhill, who was born and bred in York, was a member of the North Yorkshire Probation Service, which was set up to help drug addicts.

reduction officer with the North Yorkshire Probation Service and his marriage has broken down.

Stuart Roberts, for Gledhill, said he had gained a diploma in community and health work from Hull University and had been appointed by North Yorkshire Probation Service to give advice on harm reduction.

After the prison visit in 1996, "he was in a situation where he was dealing with criminals, dangerous and serious drug dealers, who had fingered him. They had made threats to him regarding his wife and family and the only way he could wipe out the debt was to grow cannabis on a commercial scale."

He agreed it was a difficult story to accept, but said Gledhill had devoted his life to helping people and it was inconceivable he would have done what he did without the threats.

Roger King, North Yorkshire chief probation officer, said: "North Yorkshire Probation Service regrets very much that a member of staff employed by the agency on behalf of the health authority became involved in drug-related crime in this way. The service will be looking at ways of preventing such incidents in the future."

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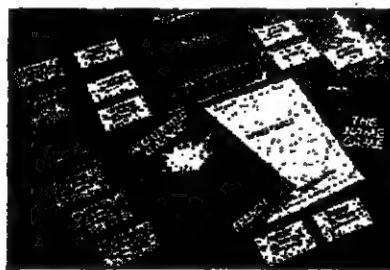
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## BBC marks anniversary with celebration of past

BY RAYMOND SNOODY  
MEDIA EDITOR

THE BBC is celebrating its 75th anniversary this month with a free CD-Rom for schools and colleges, a host of retrospective programmes and the opening of a £5.5 million visitor centre.

Will Wyatt, chief executive of BBC Broadcasting, said yesterday that the BBC was about to enter a new era of digital broadcasting and "we have to seize the future but we must also celebrate the past".

The CD-Rom will feature events of the past 75 years, including the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech and Neil Armstrong's moon landing. It will be distributed free to all secondary schools and main public libraries. It will also be free on request to junior schools and further education institutions.

The CD-Rom was described yesterday as "our birthday present to the future generation" to mark the inception of the BBC on October 18, 1922. The corporation is combining the retrospective with heavy lobbying to protect its future.



The Coronation is to feature in the retrospective

A series of short films are to feature figures from politics, the arts and entertainment endorsing the public service values of the BBC. Those to appear include Mikhail Gorbachev, Shimon Peres, Whoopi Goldberg, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Dame Vera Lynn, and the Dalai Lama.

One of the high points of the celebrations will be when the

## Brahms going for a song at £600,000

BY JOHN SHAW

THE manuscript of two classical sonatas by Brahms is being sold by the descendants of the clarinetist who inspired them for about £600,000.

The 67-page work — Opus 120 no 1 in F minor, and Opus 120 no 2 in E flat major — was given to Richard Mühlfeld, the greatest clarinet virtuoso of his day, and has remained in his family ever since.

In 1890, 4 years before he met Mühlfeld, Brahms, then 35, declared he had written his final work. But after hearing him play, he was so uplifted that he was prompted to start composing again. He signed the manuscript, which is still in good condition, "in heartfelt and thankful memory".

Simon Maguire of Sotheby's in London, which is handling the sale on December 5, said: "The sonatas are perfect examples of pure instrumental work written by Brahms. They are his last two chamber works, and have a central place in 19th-century chamber music."

## Vicar locked out in organist's last stand

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN ORGANIST locked a vicar out of church at the weekend as she staged a one-woman sit-in to protest at its closure.

Pam Hodgson held out for two hours at St Thomas's in Finchfield, Waverhampton, peeling the bell and playing the organ. With the key jammed in the door, she ignored appeals from Colin Gough, the team rector, to come out. He had to change into his vestments in the churchyard as 50 other protesters made their feelings known about the closure.

Miss Hodgson, 64, from Finchfield, finally released the 4pm service was due to start. She said she felt she had to do something as she had

strong feelings for the church she had attended as a child. "This was my last stand. I locked myself in at 2pm, blocking the key in the door with some wood so they couldn't push it out. I certainly don't regret my actions. We are all being locked out of God's house."

Feelings were also running high outside, and at one point Mr Gough ripped down a banner protesting against the closure of the 122-year-old building. He said the church was closing because it needed a lot of work doing and the number of churches had to be reduced because of costs. He added that he hoped the protest had helped people to get things out of their system.

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# Gucci lover is banned from keeping horses

Animals starved as family wrangled over fortune. Lin Jenkins reports

HORSES that had belonged to the late Paolo Gucci, millionaire grandson of the fashion founder, starved as the family wrangled over his fortune. One animal died and six had to be destroyed.

Yesterday Gucci's mistress was banned from keeping horses for five years. Penny Armstrong, 28, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to 11 pure-bred Arabs by omitting to provide care.

Armstrong ran out of money to feed horses on the 97-acre Millfield stud when Gucci, 64, died in October 1995 without leaving a will, prompting years of "extraordinary, complex proceedings at mind-boggling cost".

The mother of Gucci's two youngest children, aged 2 and 4, she lives on £20 a week child support and faces eviction from the manor house that she shared with him at Rusper, West Sussex.

An RSPCA inspector, Carol Lampert, and a veterinary surgeon, Brian Green, found horses starving when they examined all 110 at the stud in January this year. A two-year-old chestnut filly, Sonika, was lying in its own dung, unable to get up, emaciated and close to death.

David Buck, for the prosecution, said: "Initially she

appeared to be dead. We established that she was alive, but the dirt and faeces around the animal indicated that it had been recumbent for a long period and had had convulsive leg movements. It was put down on the spot."

A post-mortem examination found the filly's stomach was 20 per cent of its normal size and that the animal had probably not eaten for two weeks. Eleven other horses, all youngsters, were removed by the RSPCA for intensive care. They were emaciated, with bones protruding.

Armstrong was prosecuted over nine of them. She was ordered to pay the RSPCA compensation of £15,573 and

costs of £5,640. One filly foal, named Paloma, collapsed as it was led to the lorry. A two-year-old filly, Jemmel, was said by the vet to be markedly undersized. Despite being given drugs and put on a drip, it was put down ten days later after getting to its feet only once.

Aimar, a yearling colt, had to be destroyed within a week of leaving the stud. A post-mortem examination found a complete lack of body fat and a stomach half its normal size. Mr Green concluded it had eaten nothing for at least two weeks.

Four horses recovered and were returned to the stud, which was disbanded a few

months ago. The livestock raised £300,000.

Gucci left the family fashion empire about 15 years ago after a row with his father Aldo, but in 1987 he inherited an estimated £26 million when the family sold the business.

The court was told that he had begun divorce proceedings from his wife Jennifer in the United States in 1991, naming Armstrong. He sought voluntary bankruptcy after a protracted dispute with his wife over support for their daughter Jemma, 14.

In February 1994, Gucci was made bankrupt and the accountants KMPG were appointed receivers of the estate. The Sussex house was owned by a Liberian company and the stud operated by a Liechtenstein company. KMPG allowed Armstrong to run the stud.

Matthew Pascall, representing Armstrong, who was legally aided, said that she had long stopped taking a salary of £150 a week. She lived off child benefit and her pensioner parents, who shared the house. There was a prospect of a claim on Gucci's estate over two properties in Italy which could net \$1.1 million (£680,000). "It could come to naught and will not be resolved in the next few years," Mr Pascall said.



Aimar, one of the horses that had to be destroyed



Penny Armstrong, Paolo Gucci's mistress, admitted causing suffering to 11 horses

## Quantock stag hunt is facing forestry land ban

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

DEER hunting in the West Country is facing a new threat less than a week after the National Trust decided to maintain its ban on the sport on land it owns.

Officials from the Forestry Commission, which owns or leases some 2.5 million acres of land in Britain, meet today in Chesham, South Wales, to consider whether to allow deer hunting to continue in its woodlands.

If the commission opts for a ban, it would deal a possibly decisive blow to one of the three remaining stag hunts, the Quantock, which has traditionally hunted over 2,000 acres of its land.

Tom Yandle, chairman of the Masters of Deer Hounds Association, said: "Combined with the loss of nearly 900 acres of National Trust land, a ban by the commission would make hunting on the Quantock Hills so difficult that it would be impractical to go on."

While awaiting the commission's final decision, which is expected by the end of the month, the Quantock is continuing to hunt without encroaching on commission territory, but this is not considered viable in the long run.

Two other stag hunts in the area, the Devon and Somerset and the Tiverton, would suffer some inconvenience if they could no longer ride through commission woods, but they would still have access to other territory to hunt over.

The commission, like the Ministry of Defence, has been reviewing all hunting licences on its land since July after being instructed to do so by the Government, which believes state-run land should not be used for the sport.

Both the ministry and the commission have provisionally renewed licences for foxhunting, while the review is carried out.

## Dog club official jailed for cruelty to pregnant badger

By PAUL WILKINSON

A DOG club official has become the first person in Britain to be prosecuted for illegally transporting a live badger. RSPCA officials believe Desmond Joseph Mackin, of the Fell and Moorland Working Terrier Club, was intending to use the heavily pregnant animal for baiting with dogs.

He was jailed for four months by magistrates in Darlington who told him they had a duty to protect those who could not protect themselves,

and to impose sentences which acted as a deterrent. The maximum sentence is six months.

Julian Wilson, for the prosecution, told how Mackin, 43, a lorry driver of Bainbridge, Co. Down, was seen by police on a country road in January near Bowes in Durham. Three other men were spotted in another car nearby.

When the officers searched his lorry the badger was found tied in a sack hidden between wooden pallets in the rear of the vehicle. A vet found it had a broken leg. It had

been in the bag for a long time and had not been fed or watered. The injury was a result of "rough handling" and soil on its coat suggested it had been dug out.

Mackin, who was travelling to a job in Europe, said he found the badger on a roadside and had picked it up thinking it was dead, but Mr Wilson said the animal's injuries were not consistent with it being hit by a vehicle.

Mackin admitted possession or control of the animal, which also includes the offence of transporting

a live badger, under the 1992 Badgers Act, and cruelly terrifying the creature in breach of the 1911 Protected Animals Act. He also admitted a separate charge of carrying a CS gas canister which was found in his cab.

John Sheehan, in mitigation, said: "My client was not responsible for the animal's injuries. He believed the badger was dead and put it in the sack in the back of the wagon intending to return home and have it stuffed. He is delighted that the animal has made a full

recovery. He is a decent and genuine family man, but accepts that what he did was wrong. He is deeply ashamed and sorry for what he has done and there will never be a repetition."

Mackin was also banned from keeping pets for five years and the CS spray was confiscated. Steven Eastwood, the magistrates' chairman, said: "This crime involves cruelty to a heavily pregnant badger subject to prolonged captivity and stress."

Two weeks after the badger was

rescued it gave birth to three cubs. All have been returned successfully to a sett in a secret location.

After the case, Mike Butcher, an RSPCA inspector, said: "We applaud this sentence. It sends out the message that cruelty to animals cannot be tolerated. This man is an official with the terrier club and we believe he would know the law."

"There is money and gambling involved with badger baiting but a lot of it is just macho bloodlust. It is well organised with people travelling many miles to take part."

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# Political feast with seats to spare

As the conference begins some big Tory names have found a pressing need to be elsewhere, writes Andrew Piercy

WILLIAM HAGUE'S coronation in Blackpool will today win a standing ovation from the faithful, a repeat of the rapturous reception he received as a precocious 16-year-old in 1977.

But the task of winning over the 3,500 activists at the Winter Gardens for the long battle against Labour ahead will prove more difficult than when the conference cheered his debut two decades ago.

There is little appetite for the crowning. There will be many empty places at the feast. Not only the voters are indifferent to Mr Hague. Captains of industry, Tory grandees, lobbyists and the media are voting with their feet. "Vacancy" signs, once unheard of during Tory conference week, outnumber the "no vacancy" signs.

Although once the great and the good were eager to be seen at the relentless round of political, industrial, and society parties, now they have become camera shy. The obligatory standing ovations could ring even hollow this week. The party's great orators, such as Michael Heseltine, have retired or are staying away. On the conference fringe only Michael Portillo and Lord Tebbit are sold out.

The Labour conference in Brighton was always going to be a hard act to follow. Even the sun shone on Tony Blair. By contrast the Meteorological Office is predicting bleak and overcast conditions in Blackpool.

Even Archie Norman, the MP, party vice-chairman and Asda chairman of whom so much is expected on the reorganisation of the shattered party machine, could not persuade his company to spend thousands of pounds entertaining the Tory troops. It was a different story last week when Labour was in town. The supermarket chain played host to dozens of ministers and MPs at one of the best attended parties of the week. But Asda, the company which Mr Norman transformed from financial ruin into a market leader, is conspicuous by its absence this week.

Adair Turner, the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, the bosses' union once viewed as a subsidiary of the Tories before Labour costed up to business, will be in the United States. Last week he was in Brighton.

Many of the privatised water companies, which owe their

TUESDAY 7	THE LEADERSHIP	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	COUNTRYSIDE	FRINGE
Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, will open the conference with the results of the ballot to endorse William Hague's leadership and reforms of the organisation. John Major will urge the party to unite behind his successor. Mr Hague will also make his first speech on the results of the ballot (10am)	Sir Norman Fowler, a veteran of Margaret Thatcher's first Shadow Cabinet in 1975, will lead the assault on Labour town halls and make the revival of the party's standing in local government a priority (2.30pm)	The local associations support of field agents will be the centrepiece of the speech by David Curry, the agriculture spokesman. He will pledge to fight the Labour backbench Bill to ban hunting (4pm)	Michael Howard and John Gummer, former Cabinet colleagues, will be opponents in the Conservative Group for Europe debate at the Winter Gardens (2.45pm). Lord Tebbit is the star of the Conservative Against a Federal Europe rally at the ABC cinema (6pm)	
WEDNESDAY 8	FOREIGN AFFAIRS	TRADE AND INDUSTRY	REFORM AND RENEWAL	FRINGE
Europe, the issue which dogged John Major's administration, will return to the centre stage. Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary and arch Euro-sceptic, will restate the party's opposition to joining a single currency under William Hague's leadership (9.30am)	John Redwood, backing the conference platform after two years in the wilderness, will paint the Labour Party as bad for business because of its support for a minimum wage, EU social legislation, and regulations on industry (12pm)	Conservative MPs will debate the future of the public sector. Norman Fowler will be the main speaker, and Sir Peter Bess, chairman of the 2022 committee of MPs, whose leading members are radical, will be the main opponent (2.30pm)	Conservative MPs will debate the future of the public sector. Norman Fowler will be the main speaker, and Sir Peter Bess, chairman of the 2022 committee of MPs, whose leading members are radical, will be the main opponent (2.30pm)	Conservative MPs will debate the future of the public sector. Norman Fowler will be the main speaker, and Sir Peter Bess, chairman of the 2022 committee of MPs, whose leading members are radical, will be the main opponent (2.30pm)
THURSDAY 9	HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY	THE ECONOMY	HOME AFFAIRS	FRINGE
John Major and Iain Duncan Smith will do a double act at an informal question-and-answer session (9.30am)	Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, who is chairing the party's review committee, will try to take the gloss off new Labour by attacking 17 tax rises since May 1 (11pm)	Lord Tebbit, the Shadow Home Secretary, will lead (2.30pm)	Lord Tebbit, the Shadow Home Secretary, will lead (2.30pm)	One of the most talked about events of the week, Michael Portillo, the test hero of the Tory Right, on the ghosts of Toryism past and the spirit of the Conservative future. Hosted by the Centre for Policy Studies at the Winter Gardens (6pm)
FRIDAY 10	FINANCE	RECRUITMENT	LEADER'S SPEECH	
An appeal for donations will be led by Baroness Miller of Hendon. The party is deeply in the red (9.30am)	The theme of the party will be a new Britain, based on the Conservative values of hard work, honesty and responsibility. The party will be presented with a new and younger membership to join the party.	William Hague will deliver the most important speech of his career on the theme of a fresh future for Britain. He will be the youngest political leader to address a party conference this century (11pm)		

existence to the Conservative Party, have also stayed away for the first time.

Michael Heseltine leads a long line of conference favourites who have decided to stay at home. Mr Heseltine, who was John Major's choice to succeed him after the May 1 rout, will tend his arbutus in Oxfordshire instead. Few MPs who lost their seat on

May 1 will show up. The newly ennobled Tony Newton, former Leader of the House of Commons, is an exception.

By night the Tory conference used to let its hair down. Tickets for the Jeffrey Archer Krug and shepherd's pie soiree were among the most coveted, with only Cabinet ministers and political editors allowed in. Now the Archer

party has been cancelled until further notice.

The only rival to Lord Archer's was the one thrown by Lord Heseltine, a former Chief Whip in the House of Lords. He will not even be in Blackpool. The mainline has passed to Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, who will host a select gathering in his hotel suite. Lord King, who was

Margaret Thatcher's favourite businessman, has also stayed loyal. He will entertain guests at the British Airways ball.

But it is thin gruel by comparison to the glory days of the Thatcher years. Lord Saatchi, the advertising guru who masterminded the Tories election campaign whose party invitations were also a prized catch, has decided not

to attend. M. & C Saatchi, his company, which is unlikely to work for the Conservatives again after the furious rows that dogged the last campaign, is not hosting its usual reception. Sir Tim Bell, another member of the so-called three musketeers, has other commitments. Lord Hanson, a leading businessman closely associated with the promoting the Tories, will be in the United States.

But it is the desertion of the traditional friends in the media that must give Mr Hague the most cause for concern. Sir David English, chairman of Associated Newspapers, which owns the Daily Mail and the Mail on Sunday, will not be in Blackpool this week. He has not missed the Tory conference for 20 years.

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Who isn't going to the party: Michael Heseltine, Lord Saatchi, Sir David English, Lord Hanson, and the Asda supermarket chain, which played host to dozens of ministers and MPs at last week's Labour conference

## Clarke takes job as leader of Tory Left

KENNETH CLARKE assumed the leadership of the Tory Left last night by becoming president of the Tory Reform Group, the largest One Nation pressure group within the party (James Landale writes).

The former Chancellor will address his broadly pro-European and left-of-centre troops for the first time at a fringe meeting of the group tonight. The decision to take the job signals his intention to remain an influential figure at Westminster. The position will inevitably lead him into conflict with the party leadership over a single currency.

Damian Gaird, the group's chairman, said the party could recover only by promoting One Nation Conservatism. "Ken Clarke's support in the grass roots and his reputation as a big hitter in the parliamentary party make him ideally suited to promote this message."

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# Hug for Blair heralds closer ties with Russia

FROM JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, IN MOSCOW

TONY BLAIR and President Yeltsin yesterday heralded a new era of close relations between Britain and Russia with glowing tributes and a bear hug at the Kremlin.

The Russian President showered Mr Blair with praise, describing him as "young, energetic, very vigorous and thrusting". Mr Blair said that Mr Yeltsin was one of the most "dynamic and capable leaders" in the world. Both leaders were evidently determined to improve relations between the two countries, which cooled during John Major's premiership.

After a one-hour meeting — twice as long as had been planned originally — the two leaders signed a joint agreement to combat organised crime and drug trafficking through sharing intelligence.

President Yeltsin emphasised the importance of the agreement relating to tackling Russia's mafia. "I love young, clever energetic people," said Mr Yeltsin. "He is the youngest British Prime Minister in many years, the most energetic, thrusting politician, who

has enormous support in the United Kingdom and in the Labour Party."

The Russian leader also surprised some of those in Mr Blair's entourage by quoting chunks of the Prime Minister's conference speech last week in Brighton over lunch. "The personal friendship is certainly growing. Of course, age is something of a difference between us but we are meeting here and we intend to go on meeting more often and informally," President Yeltsin said. "Age is something of a difference between us but in terms of spirit and energy I wouldn't say I am lagging behind."

A slightly embarrassed Mr Blair returned the compliment, expressing his personal admiration for what Mr Yeltsin had achieved for Russia and the world. "It's been an extraordinary story of progress and reform, and could not possibly have been carried out without his personal character and drive," said Mr Blair. "Whatever the difference in age, I know I am in the presence of one of the most

dynamic and capable leaders the world has produced in recent times."

Under the security deal, British information officers will be trained in Russia and Russian officers will visit London. Police in both countries will co-operate in fighting international terrorism, drug trafficking, money laundering and other serious crime.

M16 is particularly concerned about drug trafficking and prostitution, which are increasingly prevalent in European capitals and are organised by the Russian mafia. British sources say that this is destabilising Russia and would present a danger if it were allowed to infiltrate Britain. During the meeting, President Yeltsin made clear his own determination to crack down on the mafia.

Mr Blair used the meeting to promote closer business and trade links. He breakfasted with British businessmen and promised an extra £500 million in export credit. He also pressed for a multi-billion pound deal for British Petroleum to explore oilfields



President Yeltsin embracing Tony Blair before their Kremlin meeting yesterday during the Prime Minister's one-day visit to Moscow

in Russia. Later the Prime Minister showed British support for Russia's early inclusion in the club of world leaders by unveiling a logo for the Group of Eight industrial nations, which includes Rus-

sia. Mr Blair showed Mr Yeltsin the proposed G8 logo for next May's summit in Birmingham.

Russia has long wanted to join the Group of Seven, linking the United States,

Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Italy and Canada, and making it a G8. As a sign of support to President Yeltsin and his reforms, Russia has been included in political debates at recent meetings but

has not taken part in economic discussions. Mr Blair said that he welcomed Russia "next year to participate in the G8". He also told reporters he was optimistic that Russia could soon join the World Trade

Organisation. During a tour of the city, the Prime Minister visited a new shopping centre in Manezh Square, which will contain Mothercare and Next shops when it opens for business next month.

## Bubbly soap star bursts on to stage in three short takes

FROM REUTERS IN MOSCOW

TONY BLAIR not only brought drama to his visit by appearing in a radio soap opera but also proved he could be a star, according to the programme's director.

In a plot destined to grab audience attention, he stops his motorcade and helps an unemployed seamstress to pick up apples she has dropped, while gently lecturing her about the importance of education. He then sends her home in an official car.

Mr Blair clearly enjoyed his fleeting appearance in *Doki 7, Podzvezd 4* (House Seven, Entrance Four). The scene was recorded, somewhat inconspicuously, under a portable office on stilts in the British Embassy compound opposite the Kremlin.

"It is important," he told reporters afterwards. "We have got a tremendous opportunity here in Russia. There is a lot of interest in Britain, there is a lot of confidence in Britain abroad, and there is a lot happening in Russia."

"If we can use our position to help British trade, British

investment and Britain's standing in the world, then great," he said. "If it takes starring in a soap opera, then I'm delighted."

It took one rehearsal and two takes because of technical problems to record the scene for the series, which is produced with BBC help. The episode will be broadcast on Russia's Ekho Moskvy station today.

Slightly straining credibility, Mr Blair needed no interpreter to understand what Varya, the seamstress, was telling him, although the interpreter standing by translated his remarks.

Mr Blair told Varya they had to do more for their young people, because so many of them had no work.

The director, Mikhail Rogovoi, praised Mr Blair and said he could always turn his hand to drama.

"The last take was absolutely perfect because the Prime Minister did everything we wanted," he said. "A clever man can be an actor — or do any work he wants to do."

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Scene 3: Outside street. Prime Minister, interpreter, policeman, Varya. Background noise of street.

Policeman: Where are you going? Lady with the bag!

Varya: But this is a pedestrian crossing! Your traffic lights have probably broken.

Policeman: Back on the pavement. I said!

Varya: Here, stop pulling my bag! Ah, now look what you've done. The handle's broken! My apples!

Policeman: Never mind your apples!

Varya: I won't be a minute. I'll just pick these up.

Prime Minister: (approaching) Are you all right? Varya: (picking up apples) No, no, don't trouble yourself.

Policeman: (going off) You can't sort this out on your own.

PM: Have you picked up all your apples?

Varya: Mr Blair? Very nice to meet you. And I am Varya Vasilevna. Take some of my apples. They're very good. No chemicals in them, straight from our orchard in Yelets.

PM: (surprised) Aren't there any apples in Moscow?

Varya: Of course there are! It's just a bit expensive.

PM: I see. Do you find it quite difficult to get by?

Varya: Me? No. Not at all.

PM: How are you coping with all the changes?

Varya: We live very well. We have everything we want. We've got a boy and a girl. Do you have a family?

PM: I have three children.

Varya: We should do more for our children.

PM: I agree. We've got to do more for our young people.

PM: In my country we've said the priorities are: Education, education, education. It should be the same everywhere.

Varya: It would be good if everyone thought like that. I'm going to be a grandmother soon, and I can't imagine how we are going to live.

PM: A grandmother? Congratulations!

Varya: Olga's due in March. What are you doing in Moscow?

PM: I'm here on business to meet some of your political leaders. I'm just on my way to a meeting now.

Varya: I won't hold you up then.

PM: Your bag's broken. Why don't we drive you home?

Varya: (embarrassed) Oh no, really I couldn't. I'll manage.

PM: It's no trouble at all. Where do you want to go?

Varya: House Seven, Entrance Four (laughing).

## British PoW papers handed back

BY JILL SHERMAN

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday formally handed Tony Blair copies of wartime diaries and documents relating to British prisoners of war which had been held in a Moscow vault for 50 years.

The papers, which include personal writings and photographs lost during the war, were assembled by the Germans and taken to Moscow by the Soviet Army after the capture of Berlin. Mr Yeltsin's decision will allow surviving servicemen and their families access to emotional and harrowing accounts of life as a prisoner during the Second World War.

Britain has been negotiating for the release of the archive material for more than three years. Yesterday Mr Yeltsin

gave Mr Blair the first instalment of copies of the diaries, but promised that arrangements would be made for the originals to be handed over once it had been agreed legally.

Accepting the copies yesterday, Mr Blair said that it was a "wonderful gesture". He added: "This is a very emotional moment for many of our citizens."

One of the diaries handed to Mr Blair concerned a young British officer, Michael Duncan, who was captured in 1940

but escaped the year after. Lieutenant Duncan, an officer in the Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, came from the Home Counties; he died more than 20 years ago.

He describes the worst period of his captivity when he

have nothing to do... our food ration is one loaf to four days, which works out at four medium slices per day. That and a pint of very watery soup per day and five or six potatoes, very old and usually very bad and a mug of coffee.

"According to the doctor, the diet is enough to keep us alive, provided we take no violent exercise. This, anyway, is out of the question as two or three times round the 200-yard field is about all the exercise we can manage in a day. By the time you have done that and climbed upstairs to your room you feel as if you have climbed a mountain." The lieutenant adds: "If only we had books and papers... as it is, we have to kill time between meals somehow, so we play endless games of cards and become cabbages."

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# New attack on Clinton over 'lost' sound in fund video

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

LEADING Republican opponents, accusing the White House of obstructing justice and claiming to have discovered a "smoking gun", yesterday leapt on the belated release of videos detailing President Clinton's controversial coffee mornings.

In tapes that include separate footage shot by a White House camera team at 44 of the coffee meetings in 1995 and 1996, Mr Clinton is seen greeting visitors but is neither observed nor heard asking for contributions to his re-election campaign. As excerpt from one tape, however, shows the President shaking hands with John Huang, the fundraiser at the heart of the controversy over irregular contributions to the Democratic campaign. It is the only portion on which

there is no sound, prompting immediate speculation of a Watergate-style cover-up.

The tapes, which were soon made available to television stations throughout America, provided a comprehensible public portrait of Mr Clinton mingling with wealthy donors. Like the earlier revelation of his scrawled approval for the use of the Lincoln Bedroom and other White House attractions by donors, the tapes brought a new resonance and momentum to the complex and torpid inquiry that has dominated political activity in the American capital.

They were made public as Harold Ickes, the dismissed former White House Deputy Chief of Staff and the Administration's self-proclaimed "di-



A video showing President Clinton at one of 44 White House coffee mornings in 1995 and 1996, attended by fundraisers and donors to his re-election campaign.

rector of sanitation" takes the stand to give long-awaited and perhaps critical testimony in the Senate hearings. Republicans have seized on the opportunity to question why, eight months after all documents had been subpoenaed by the Justice Department, the tapes were suddenly made public just hours after Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, had effectively exonerated Mr Clinton of any irregular fundraising activities at the White House. They called for Ms

Reno to reconsider her decision not to request a special prosecutor for the President.

"At this point, with the White House not turning over evidence again and again, I think you really may have crossed the line of obstruction of justice," said Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican senator.

"First they don't give us materials while we're questioning witnesses. And now the tapes are turned over. If they're innocent recordings,

why didn't we have them a long time ago?"

The White House claims the late discovery of the films was an honest mistake. Made by the White House Communications Agency, a secretive Pentagon unit, the tapes were found by chance, according to senior aides. An initial search of the agency's database, they claim, had employed only the names of individuals but a staff member had made a later check and came across the word "coffee". One scene

from December 1995 showed Don Fowler, the Democratic National Committee chairman, being offered five cheques by an unidentified person. But Mr Fowler appears to decline, saying: "I'm sorry... as soon as this thing is over, I'll call you and we'll get it set up."

The Huang segment, however, is the one that immediately caused the greatest stir. "We may have a Mary Rose Woods problem here," said one Senate investigator, allud-

ing to President Nixon's secretary who claimed she was responsible for an 18-minute gap on his Watergate tapes. This is a missing 60 seconds.

At issue is whether Mr Clinton broke election law by soliciting funds on federal property during the events held mainly in the Map Room but also in the Oval Office and the Roosevelt Room.

The tapes may reveal evidence of illegal behaviour by Mr Clinton or may simply reinforce the White House

assertion that they were simply "listening sessions".

No matter what the content, however, they have given Republicans an easy means to resurrect questions about the President's personal involvement and a visible barb with which to smack Ms Reno's decision to pursue a 60-day inquiry against Al Gore, the Vice-President, while maintaining that Mr Clinton needed no further investigation.

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## Nobel for Alzheimer's find

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THIS year's Nobel Prize for medicine has been won by an American biochemist hailed for discovering "an entirely new genre of disease-causing agents" — including those responsible for BSE or "mad cow" disease.

The \$1 million (£625,000) prize went to Professor Stanley Prusiner of the University of California at San Francisco for his work on potentially deadly proteins known as prions, thought to be the cause of brain-wasting illnesses in humans as well as animals, and a key to understanding Alzheimer's disease.

Professor Prusiner was credited by Sweden's Karolin-

ska Institute, which awards the prize, with isolating prions and demonstrating how they can be transformed from benign proteins present in every brain to cell-destroying agents that leave brain tissue dead.

Inspired by the death of a patient from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, whose symptoms include severe dementia, Professor Prusiner discovered prions, and found that by folding on themselves they can perform a "Jekyll and Hyde" switch. Twenty people, most of them British, died last year of a rare version of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease thought to have been transmitted from cows infected with BSE.

The institute said his discovery "provides important insights that may furnish the basis to understanding biological mechanisms underlying other types of dementia-related diseases, for example Alzheimer's disease". His work "establishes a foundation for drug development and new treatment strategies".

The prize caps a quarter of a century of research for Professor Prusiner, much of it controversial. Some experts still doubt that prions, which unlike bacteria and viruses contain no genetic material, could by themselves mount such disabling attacks on brain tissue.



Prusiner: inspired by the death of a patient

### WORLD IN BRIEF

## Lawyers seek \$2.8bn slice of tobacco win

New York: An increasingly bitter tussle is being fought between the State of Florida and its lawyers who are demanding a quarter of the \$11.3 billion (£7 billion) it won from the tobacco industry in August (Tunko Varadarajan writes).

Their pre-trial contract apportioned a 25 per cent fee package if Florida won its suit. But the settlement, over compensation for spending on the treatment of smoking-related diseases, was made out-of-court. It calls for "reasonable attorneys' fees" to be paid by the tobacco industry, with the sum to be determined by independent arbitrators. Peter Antonaco, Florida's Deputy Attorney-General has told the lawyers that the 25 per cent slice of an out-of-court settlement was "a little unreasonable". However, five of the 11 lawyers involved have filed liens against the first instalment of \$750 million paid by the tobacco industry.

## Taleban bans animal pictures

Kabul: The Taleban religious army has ordered all pictures of people and animals destroyed, declaring them offensive to Islam, Afghan authorities said. Until now the Taleban had forbidden the photographing of people but did not outlaw pictures of non-Muslims. This also was the first time the Taleban edicts on photography included animals.

Few Afghans have cameras or pictures of their ancestors. While few stores in Kabul have carried pictures of people since the Taleban takeover over one year ago, fitness centres have displayed pictures of bodybuilders. It was not immediately known what the punishment would be, but minor offences usually carry a beating. (AP)

## Pro-Hitler general dies at 85

Bonn: A former Nazi general, who helped to change the course of history by fomenting the 1944 coup attempt against Hitler in Berlin, has died in Spain aged 85, the German Foreign Office confirmed (Deborah Colclough writes). Otto Ernst Remer, right, who fled Germany in 1944 after being convicted of inciting racial hatred and publicly denying the deaths of Jews in the concentration camps, settled in Andalusia and was later confined to a wheelchair. Obituary, page 23

## British head for Rockefeller

New York: A Birmingham-born academic has been named as the next president of the Rockefeller Foundation, one of the largest philanthropic organisations in the world (Tunko Varadarajan writes). Gordon Conway, 59, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex in Brighton, will be the first non-American to head the New York-based foundation, set up in 1913 by John D. Rockefeller. He will take up his post in April next year. An agricultural ecologist, Professor Conway said he was "immensely honoured to be working for a unique global foundation". Last year alone it disbursed grants and fellowships worth more than \$107 million (£668,000).

## Heiress who defied Nazis dies

Paris: Mary Jayne Gold, an American socialite who helped the painters Marc Chagall, Max Ernst and about 2,000 Jews and anti-Nazis to escape from France during the Second World War, has died aged 88 near St Tropez. Ms Gold, who used some of her fortune to finance the flight of artists and intellectuals, had suffered from pancreatic cancer. Thane Gold, her great-nephew, said in Los Angeles. The Chicago heiress recorded her times in the book *Crossroads Marseille 1942*, published in 1992. She never married and had no children. (AP)

## China punishes former chief

Beijing: Zhao Ziyang, the disgraced Chinese Communist Party chief, left, has been barred from receiving visitors as punishment for writing to the party leadership last month condemning the use of force to suppress the Tiananmen student demonstrations of 1989. Chinese sources said. A weekly golf game offering him an occasional escape from virtual house arrest has also been cancelled. His letter angered President Jiang Zemin, the sources said. (Reuters)

## Court adjourns Basque trial

Madrid: The trial on terrorism charges of all 23 members of the leadership of Herri Batasuna, the Basque separatist party, started in the Spanish Supreme Court yesterday (Giles Tremlett writes). Demonstrators jeered at the politicians, who face charges of collaborating with the Eta terror group. Herri Batasuna asked that a judge be changed, forcing an adjournment. The request was rejected and the trial will restart on Monday.

## Bad weather delays homecoming for astronaut Foale

By TOM RHODES

MICHAEL FOALE, the British-born astronaut whose space mission was plagued by problems on Mir, experienced another hitch as the shuttle returning him to Earth was kept in orbit waiting for a chance to land last night.

Atlantis, the US space shuttle, had been scheduled to arrive at the Kennedy Space Centre the previous evening, but its seven-member crew, including Dr Foale, 49, who is returning after more than four months on the beleaguered Mir space station, was forced to remain in space due to poor weather conditions.

Thick cloud over Cape Canaveral, combined with darkness on Sunday night, forced NASA to abandon re-entry at the last minute. Last night it was still not certain whether the shuttle would land in Florida or at an alternative runway at Edwards air force base in California.

Preliminary weather forecasts indicate that conditions

at the Kennedy Space Centre are still exhibiting some cloudiness," said Ellen Hawley at NASA. "Weather conditions at Edwards indicate clear skies but the potential for high winds."

Crews were scrambled to the site of the shuttle's landing in the event of a California landing, although NASA officials prefer to bring the shuttle down in Florida, avoiding the nearly \$1 million cost of ferrying it across the country.

The delay brought added tension for Rhonda Foale, the astronaut's wife, and their two small children, Jenna and Ian, who have spent the last months watching the Mir mission's long catalogue of problems.

Corrotyov, Russia: A cargo craft failed to uncouple itself from Mir yesterday and a Russian space official said it was unlikely another supply craft, due to reach Mir today, would be able to dock on time. (Reuters)

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## Croat suspects taken to face war trial

By TOM WALKER

TEN Bosnian Croat war-crime suspects were yesterday flown by a Dutch military transport plane to The Hague, after assurances that their trials would begin within five months.

Their departure brings the ailing Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian President, and his Zagreb Government into line with Western policy. International pressure will increase on Belgrade and Slobodan Milosevic to push Bosnian Serb war criminals — including the two top names on The Hague's list, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic — in the same direction.

The Serbs are the only party among Bosnia's former warring factions not in compliance with the International Criminal Tribunal.

The most wanted man on yesterday's C130 Hercules was Dario Kordic, charged by The Hague as responsible for some of central Bosnia's worst atrocities, committed during the bloody fallout of former Muslim and Croat neighbours in the Laava Valley in 1992 and 1993.

The former journalist said in an emotional farewell to friends and government officials at Split airport that the group left "with a clear conscience before God and the Croatian people".

Mr Kordic achieved notoriety in April 1993, when a British colonel in the then United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia helped to uncover a grisly massacre of Muslims in the village of Ahmici. A local Bosnian Croat Army (HVO) roadblock attempted to stop Colonel Bob Stewart and his patrol searching the village, where they later uncovered 104 bodies, many trapped and burnt in their cellars.

"I don't need the permission of the bloody HVO, I'm the United Nations," Colonel Stewart stormed in an incident broadcast around the world.

Mr Kordic, who labelled central Bosnia's Muslims as rogue Croats of Islamic faith, was believed to have been in charge of the HVO's cleansing activities in the area.

## Israeli agents freed as Gaza greets sheikh

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL last night vowed to continue covert missions against terrorists in third countries after two Mossad agents, who bungled an attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader in Jordan, were returned by helicopter as part of a swap deal negotiated with King Hussein.

As the two agents were whisked away from an undisclosed Israeli airfield for a debriefing about the worst botched operation in Mossad's history, 22 more Arab prisoners were released from Israeli jails. Separately, the founder of Hamas, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who was freed last week, returned in triumph to the Gaza Strip, where he vowed to continue the struggle against Israeli occupation.

After a wave of bitter criticism of the failed mission by Israel's left-wing Opposition, and repeated demands for the resignation of Benjamin Netanyahu, the right-wing Prime Minister, and Danny Yatom, the head of Mossad, Avraham Kahalani, the Internal Security Minister, said similar covert missions would continue.

"I think we, the Cabinet ministers, should think about that in the future, find out a way to destroy these people who want to use terrorism in

Israel... and I do not think we are going to close our hands from finding these people and killing them, wherever they are."

The unrepentant response of Mr Kahalani echoed the majority view among the public. A Gallup poll of 500 Israeli Jews for *Maariv* newspaper found 60 per cent against Mr Netanyahu having to resign over the affair, despite the clamour for his head from most Israeli commentators.

"Any Israeli Prime Minister who cannot resist the temptation of playing James Bond in Amman is the epitome of irresponsibility and does not deserve to remain in office," wrote Yosef Goell in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*.

In Gaza, as the 61-year-old quadriplegic spiritual founder of Hamas returned to a euphoric welcome, Israel's decision to allow him home was being hailed as a famous victory. "This is a big defeat for Netanyahu," claimed Khaled, a first lieutenant in Yasser Arafat's Palestinian police force.

Graffiti on the walls and thousands of posters proclaimed Sheikh Yassin, freed after serving eight years of a life sentence, as "the Sheikh of the Intifada".

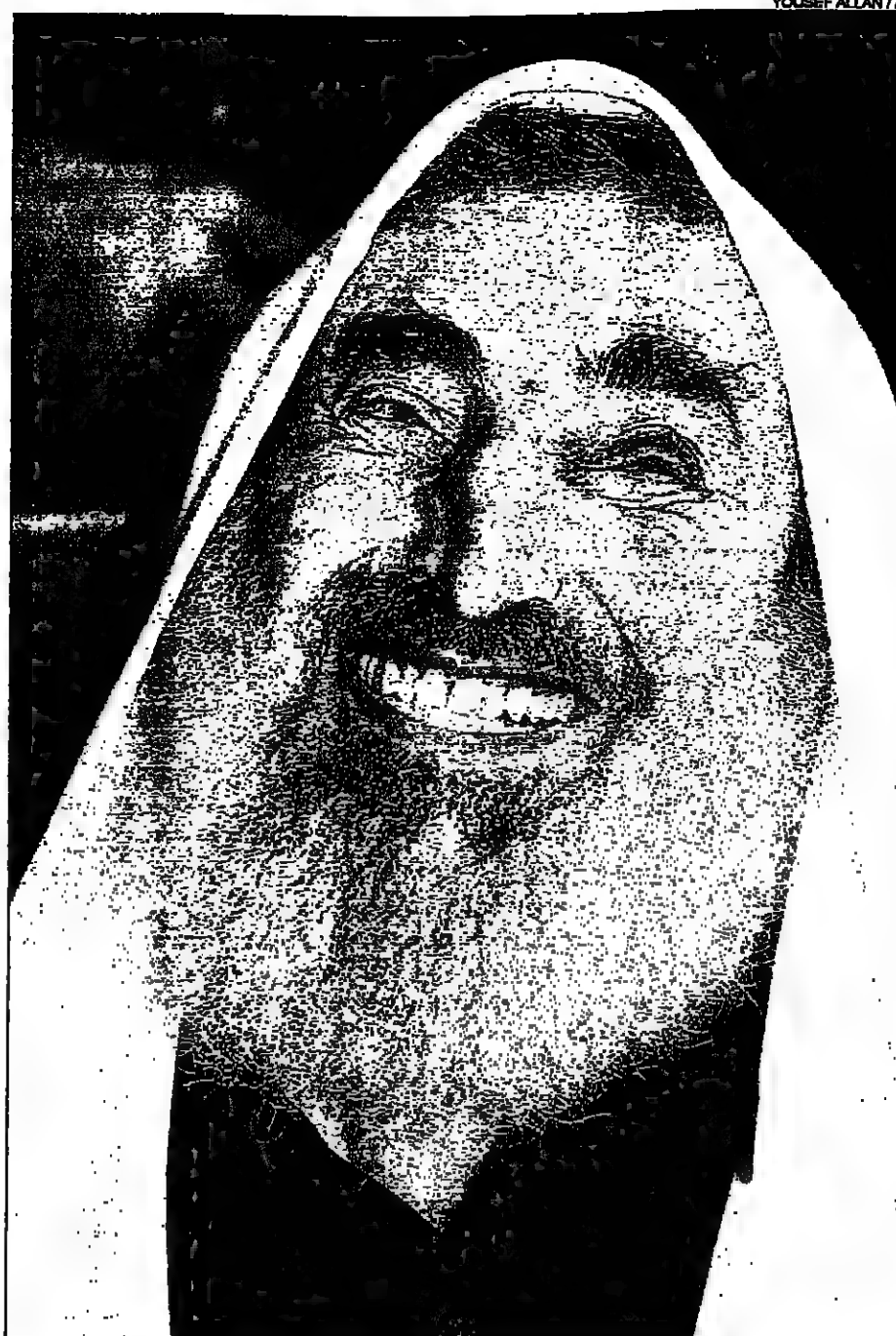
Mr Kahalani admitted that

he would have preferred the influential sheikh to have remained in Jordan. But he acknowledged that his return to Gaza was part of the cost of securing the freedom of the two Mossad agents arrested carrying forged and invalid Canadian passports.

At a chaotic news conference in Amman before being taken from his wheelchair and put on a stretcher for the half-hour flight to Gaza, the founder of Hamas dismissed reports that Hamas had offered a ten-year ceasefire to Israel last month in exchange for being included in the peace negotiations.

"There will be no halt to armed operations until the end of the occupation," the charismatic but ailing leader said in a barely audible whisper. His remarks were then shouted aloud by an aide.

Notably absent from the Gaza celebrations was Mr Arafat, the Palestinian Authority's President, whose primacy among the Palestinians has been badly dented. He was involved in talks surrounding yesterday's formal reopening of Israeli-Palestinian discussions after a gap of six months. The arrival of the US special envoy, Dennis Ross, was overshadowed by other events.



A jubilant Sheikh Yassin, founder of Hamas, prepares to return to Gaza yesterday

## Queen to discover a changed Pakistan

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

THE Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arrive in Islamabad today at the start of a two-week state visit to Pakistan and India. The itinerary takes the monarch into a world she will hardly recognise from her last visit to the sub-continent in 1983.

Many royal watchers in this poorest part of Asia want to know whether the Queen will change style and try some of the spontaneous gestures that made Diana, Princess of Wales so popular on her visits to the region — except among conservative mullahs in Lahore, who demanded that she should be flogged for walking into a mosque bare-armed.

South Asia is sensitive to the importance of this first foreign trip by the Queen since the death of the Princess, and both countries are striving to erase any trace of controversy. Pakistan, which the Queen last visited in 1961, is determined to keep its lunatic fringes in check and security will be massive, especially in Karachi, the commercial capital and something of an urban war zone.

The Queen has already achieved one act of temporary reconciliation by getting an agreement from Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistani Prime Minister, to join the company of political rivals she personally despises in order to participate in formal ceremonies.

## Belgrade averts 'fascist' victory

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

WESTERN diplomats say political disaster in Serbia has been avoided by a hair's breadth as a result of the failure of Vojislav Seselj, the extreme nationalist, to gain victory in Sunday's presidential run-off. The poll was invalid because only 49 per cent of voters turned out.

In an election of spectacularly Balkan dimensions, independent observers claimed that desperate Socialists of President Milosevic of Yugoslavia, stuffed ballot boxes to revive the flagging fortunes of Zoran Djindjic, their candidate. But once it became clear that Mr Seselj was ahead, the boxes were rapidly unstuffed to keep the vote beneath the 50 per cent needed for validity.

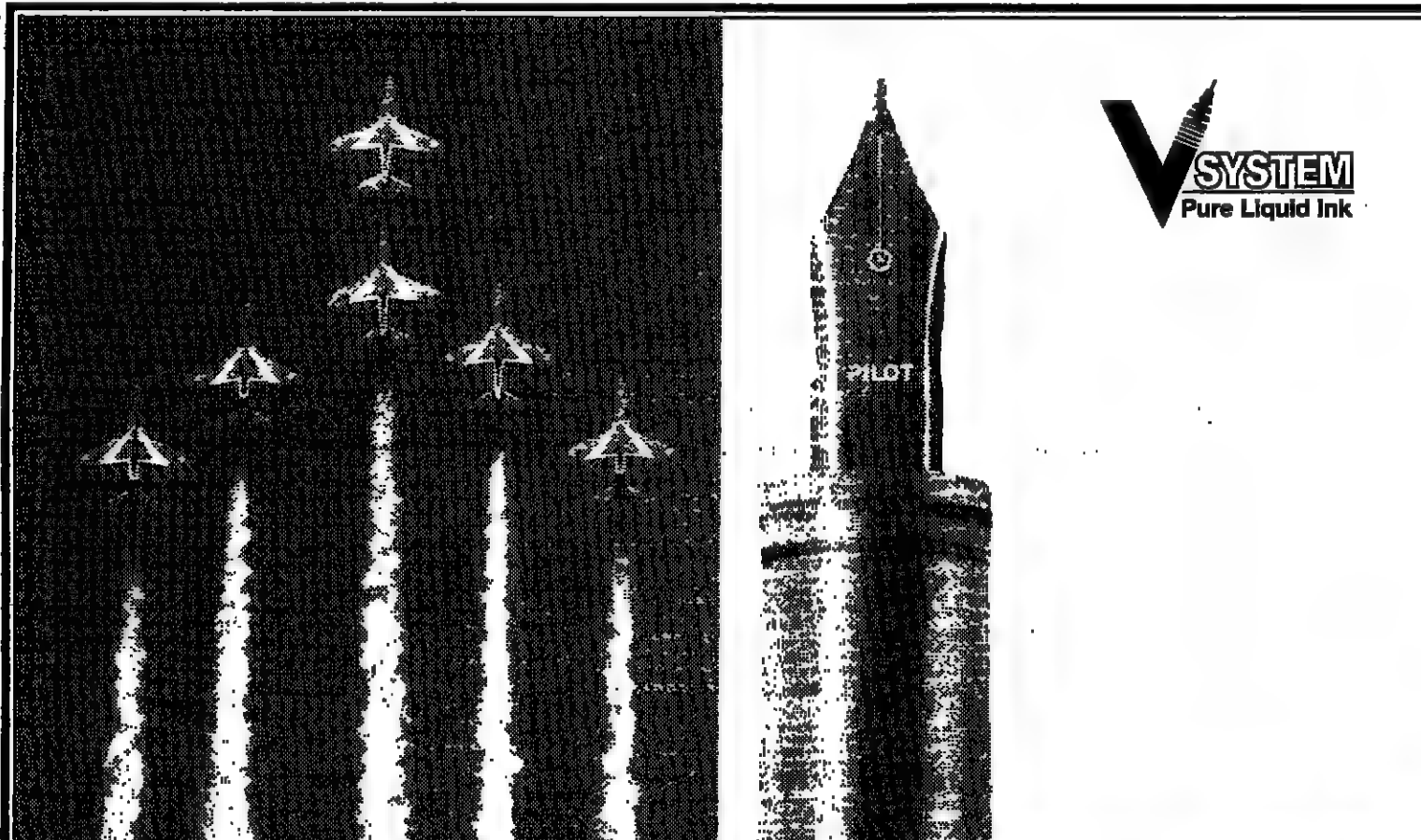
Mr Seselj is the one Belgrade politician who still espouses the politics of war. He believes in a greater Serbia comprising most of Bosnia and half of Croatia, and the tearing-up of the Dayton

peace accord. A European diplomat described him as a Frankenstein monster nurtured by Mr Milosevic, who had now become stronger than his creator thanks to "socio-economic conditions like those in Weimar Germany".

But yesterday a beaming Mr Seselj was basking in the glory of his unexpected success, although not as ebulliently as in the early hours of the morning, when it had appeared that he and his Radical Party had pulled off the impossible. "We were short by just 1 per cent," he told the Independent Radio Index.

"But there is no reason not to be satisfied. In repeated elections the results of the Radicals will be even better."

Robert Gelbard, President Clinton's special envoy to Bosnia, in Belgrade for talks with Mr Milosevic, yesterday described Mr Seselj as "a fascist we couldn't work with".



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## Ex-aide at Pentagon accused of spying

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

A FORMER Pentagon lawyer and two other people have been arrested on charges of spying for East Germany during the Cold War, the Justice Department said yesterday.

The three were due to appear before a federal court in Virginia on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage during the 1970s and 1980s.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested them on Saturday "in the Washington area" after two handed classified documents to FBI agents who posed as Russian and South African intelligence officers.

The case comes in the wake of several spy scandals, many involving senior government employees, which have shaken the intelligence agencies and defence and security departments. Intelligence officers blame the end of the Cold War, which has exposed some longstanding cases, while increasing the financial rewards of espionage.

According to the FBI, one of the three arrested, Theresa Squillacote, 39, worked as a senior staff lawyer in the office of a Deputy Under Secretary of Defence. Her husband, Kurt Alan Stand, 42, works for a union representing food and hotel workers. The third, James Michael Clark, 49, is a Virginia-based private investigator. Mr Stand and Ms

Squillacote are also charged with attempted espionage and illegally obtaining national defence information. The maximum penalties for these crimes are life imprisonment and a \$250,000 (£155,000) fine, or death.

In Saturday's trap, Ms Squillacote handed over four documents classified secret: two versions of the Defence Department's defence planning guidance, a scenarios appendix and the Central Intelligence Agency's international arms trade report.

According to the affidavit, Mr Stand became an agent of the HVR, the East German intelligence service, in the early 1970s and recruited Mr Clark in 1976 and his wife between 1979 and 1981. When the two Germans united in 1990, the spies' East German handler tried to reemploy them to spy for the Soviet Union and then with Russia, the FBI statement says.

□ Fewer murders: Reports of serious crime in America dropped for the fifth year running, according to the FBI. Cases of murder fell by 9 per cent, as did violent crimes by youths. The White House attributed the fall to the 1994 crime legislation and to the 30,000 rise in the number of police and drug officers. Drug-related arrests jumped by 35 per cent between 1990 and 1995.



Peggy Ann Garner, left, in *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, embodies the seriousness of yesterday's girls; Alicia Silverstone, right, today's self-infatuation in *Clueless*

## Body before mind for naughty Nineties girls

Tunku Varadarajan on a new view of teen priorities

MOST adolescent American girls now suffer from "bad body fever", assessing their personal worth almost entirely in terms of the shape of their bodies, the author of a new book published in New York has argued.

Recent studies show that, by the age of 13, more than half of all American girls are unhappy with their bodies. By 17, that figure rockets up to 78 per cent.

According to Joan Jacobs Brumberg, a professor of history at Cornell University and the author of *The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls*, this deep dissatisfaction has sparked important philosophical changes in young girls.

Her most compelling observation is that the teenage definition of "goodness" and the way in which girls perceive it has altered profoundly over the past 100 years. Comparing adolescent female diary entries from the 1890s with those from the 1990s, Dr Brumberg notes how young girls a century ago saw goodness largely in terms of character. A typical entry from 1890 says: "Resolved to think before speaking. To work seriously. To be self-restrained in conversations and actions. Not to let my thoughts wander. To be dignified. Interest myself more in others."

Girls today see goodness largely in terms of the body, the figure and physical image. This is a diary entry from 1990, by a fit de siècle American

Everygirl: "I will try to make myself better in any way I possibly can. I will lose weight, get new lenses, already got new haircut, good make-up, new clothes and accessories."

Dr Brumberg argues that the whalebone corsets of the Victorian age — restrictive, uncomfortable and unnatural — have been replaced today by corsets of the mind. A "historical process", she says, has forced women to exchange "external controls of the body for internal controls". These historical processes include such factors as better nutrition and a decrease in infectious diseases, causing the average age of menarche — a girl's first period — to fall to just over 12 in the mid-19th

century, girls commonly started to menstruate at 15 or 16.

As Dr Brumberg points out, an American girl in today's "post-virginity age" is likely to be sexually active before the age at which her great-grandmother had even begun to menstruate. Yet this physical "speeding up" has not been matched by an acceleration in psychological development, leaving adolescent girls totally exposed to "manipulation" by "the consumer culture".

□ *The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls*, by Joan Jacobs Brumberg (Random House, New York, \$25).

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## Moi bars Leakey's party from poll in Kenya

FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI

A DECISION by the Kenyan Government not to register Safina, the opposition party co-founded by Richard Leakey, the palaeontologist and conservationist, has been called "racism" by its leaders.

"President Moi has been practising racism," Paul Muite, a Safina leader, said yesterday. "It is not acceptable that Richard Leakey should have to step down for Safina to be registered."

Safina was told by the Registrar of Societies that its application was being rejected on the ground that the party's purpose was "prejudicial to or incompatible with peace, welfare or good order in Kenya". Under a government-sponsored reforms package, all party applications had to be processed by last Friday.

Safina (Noah's Ark in Swahili) has been a thorn in the side of President Moi and his ruling Kenu party since it was founded by Dr Leakey and Mr Muite in 1995. The movement declared war on corruption, lawlessness and falling standards in public life. Its leaders claim it is supported by millions of Kenyans eager for change in elections due before the end of the year.

The Kenyan decision was described as "worrying and depressing" by Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, who ends a short visit to Kenya this morning. The Kenyan Government knows full well there has been a change [in Britain's aid policy]. We'll be reviewing our country strategy on Kenya.

## Clinton reveals credentials for squeaky green legacy

In the kind of coincidence which is the stuff of political dreams, Washington yesterday scorched in an Indian summer while President Clinton made his plea for action to stop the world getting even warmer. Speaking at a conference on climate change, in his old university in Georgetown, the President joked about "the hottest October day in years" as he pledged that the United States "must be prepared to commit to realistic and binding goals" on curbing pollution.

It is rare these days to see the President make a false step politically, so assured has he become in straddling both parties in Congress, and riding out the challenges of the assorted Paula Joneses and Janet Renos laying siege to the White House gates. But Mr Clinton's sudden enthusiasm for "doing something about global warming" may prove that mistake.

Last week, he invited 100 television weather forecasters to the White House lawn for an impromptu lecture on the peril, urging them to spread the message through their channels. Asked where this passion has sprung from, his bemused aides say that the President is "thinking legacy": in the year or so before he is dubbed a lame duck, he is dreaming of ways he can clinch a place in the history books. He has seized on plans for a new international treaty on global warming, to be signed in Japan in December, as a perfect vehicle.

His enthusiasm even appears to eclipse that of Al Gore.



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BRONWEN MADDOX

Having built his reputation as Mr Green, the Vice-President is now forced to practise the old-fashioned politics needed on the first rules of the campaign trail. That means courting heavy industry and the trade unions while his boss does the vision thing.

However, the President's impulse is politically fraught. If he does not deliver, he will have dashed expectations he has gone to some effort to raise. But if he is serious about committing the United States

to a battery of taxes and environmental curbs, these could damage the economy, and with it Mr Gore's hopes of reaching the White House.

The White House has just over two weeks to state its position before final talks on the Kyoto treaty. Behind the scenes, there is a stand-off between the Administration's economists, headed by Robert Rubin, the Treasury Secretary, who fear the impact of higher taxes on the economy, and its environmentalists, headed by Carol Browner, of the Environmental Protection Agency.

In normal times, this would be no contest; the economists would win. But they have been started by the President's commitment to the issue. He was spotted on holiday on Martha's Vineyard carrying the book *The Heat is On*, about the threat of carbon accumulating in the atmosphere; yesterday he spoke of his conviction "that the science of climate change is real".

In this Mr Clinton does, at least, have the backing of the majority of scientists, al-

though some notable researchers argue that even sharp cuts in emissions would do little to halt warming, given the carbon already in the atmosphere. But his claim that carbon emissions can be cut without hurting the economy has much less support.

It was relatively easy to "do something" about the threat to the ozone layer: safe alternatives to damaging chemicals were quickly developed. But the President's speech yesterday glossed over the fact that curbing carbon emissions, the byproduct of almost every use of energy, is harder.

Action would mean curbs or taxes on business, which would almost certainly be blocked by the Republican-controlled Congress. And it would mean raising petrol prices, now a fifth of British levels. For all the "green" urges which Americans confide to pollsters, they would sooner give up their guns.

The reason European countries look more restrained in their carbon emissions is because their sluggish economies have been left behind by the US boom. Mr Clinton might do better to suggest using American wealth to help poor countries such as China improve their energy efficiency, or to deal with the effects of global warming.

Curbs on carbon emissions would, in effect, be curbs on the US economy. That would be the greatest political misjudgment he has made in three years; it might also do little to solve the problem.



President Clinton listening to a speaker yesterday at a university conference on climate change

## Japan attacked over plan to cut greenhouse gases

FROM ROBERT WHYMAN IN TOKYO

A JAPANESE proposal for cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 5 per cent from 1990 levels provoked ridicule yesterday from environmentalists, with some challenging Japan's suitability to host this year's conference on climate change.

With less than two months to go before the Kyoto conference, a row with the European Union loomed over a Japanese plan that would allow countries to evade even a lenient target. Announcing Tokyo's proposal, Kaneko Muraoka, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, said the EU proposal for a 15 per cent reduction of the emission of three greenhouse gases by 2010 was "unfair".

Under the Japanese plan, industrialised countries would be required in principle to cut their emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide by an average 5 per cent relative to 1990 during 2008 to 2012. But developed countries would be free to set their own reduction goal on the basis of gross domestic product, population growth and per capita gas emissions. According to this formula, a country such as Japan — with a high GDP and good energy-saving record — would be allowed to set a much lower target.

Mr Muraoka said Japan would aim to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by 25 per cent from the 1990 level, requiring the building of 20 nuclear plants to reduce dependency on fossil fuels. But government officials conceded

that growing public opposition to nuclear plants, stiffened by a series of nuclear mishaps, would make this difficult to achieve. Environmental groups in Japan and overseas said the emissions target was woefully inadequate to help to protect the global environment.

The proposal is an international disgrace, Bill Hare, Greenpeace's climate policy director, said.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) described the plan as "scandalous" and called on industrialised nations to reject it.

Greenpeace Japan said that the country should lose the right to host the conference if it stuck to its proposal.

Japan hoped to win kudos at the Kyoto convention — officially titled the Third Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change — which is intended to commit countries to binding targets for emissions reduction into the next century.

□ *British briefing*: Yesterday Toshiki Tsuge, the Japanese chief climate negotiator, flew to London to meet John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Environment Secretary, and Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister (Nick Nutall writes). The British side, which has proposed a 20 per cent cut in carbon dioxide from 1990 levels by 2010, is expected to outline its concern over the Japanese plan.

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# Deal the Tories never honoured

Former Tory party treasurer turned Referendum Party supporter, Lord McAlpine, on how Sir James Goldsmith thought he had a deal over Europe

James Goldsmith described the strategy which lay behind the Referendum Party (RP) thus: "I knew that if I charged like a bull, something would have to happen." In the event, he was right: things did happen. As a direct consequence of Goldsmith's intervention in British politics, the Conservatives, closely followed by Labour, offered a referendum before joining the single currency. Both parties also ruled out joining a federal Europe. These changes in policy are directly attributable to Goldsmith's bull charging around in the politicians' china shop.

Had James Goldsmith been a less scrupulous man, perhaps he could have achieved even more, the prize being a proper referendum on the substance of Britain's relationship with Europe. In fact, for a while, Goldsmith thought he was close to achieving just that and, at a key moment in the

senior statesman, Goldsmith's reply was: "But do you know where you stand?" That evening Goldsmith and Major had little time to talk and no time together in private. So they agreed, in principle, that they should meet soon. Major issued the invitation and Goldsmith accepted. Some time over the next few days they did meet, almost certainly on the morning of October 20 or the afternoon of October 19, 1995. This was the most secret of meetings, and it was the first time that Major tried to grip the threat posed by the Referendum Party.

There was, at that time, no overt grassroots campaigning, just a methodical drive to recruit the party's 600 candidates, several hundred election agents and, by October 1996, more than 50,000 registered supporters (this figure grew to 230,000 by the time of the general election). Nor had there, until then, been any advertising apart from the RP's "statement of aims" in all the national newspapers.

So when Major and Goldsmith sat down to talk in late October 1995, the Referendum Party had only just begun to flex its muscles — muscles which, in the 1997 election, are generally accepted to have pushed more than 40 Tory MPs out of the Commons. At this meeting, a very clear understanding developed between Major and Goldsmith. Major told Goldsmith that he, too, wanted a full referendum on Europe, and that he was trying to achieve one despite the opposition within his party. He said that Clarke and Heseltine were the prime opponents of a referendum. John Major then asked Goldsmith to help him by holding back his campaign, at least until Christmas, to allow him some time to work on his party colleagues. Goldsmith, a man temperamentally inclined to strike an honourable deal on a man's word alone, agreed to hold fire.

three-year history of the RP, it seemed there might be no need to pitch more than 600 RP candidates against the main parties at the general election. Goldsmith believed he had obtained a full referendum because he believed the word of one man: John Major.

On October 16, 1995, James Goldsmith and John Major met face to face, for only the second time in their lives. The first occasion had been at a lunch at Downing Street shortly after Major became Prime Minister. The country was in the grip of the Gulf War and Jacob Rothschild had organised an opportunity for Goldsmith and a small number of others to exchange views with the Prime Minister on the geopolitics of the situation. Goldsmith, however, had not been impressed by the new Conservative leader. While some of the most penetrating minds in Britain discussed the war, Major was heard pronouncing on social security and benefit policy. He was, believed Goldsmith, quite clearly out of his depth.

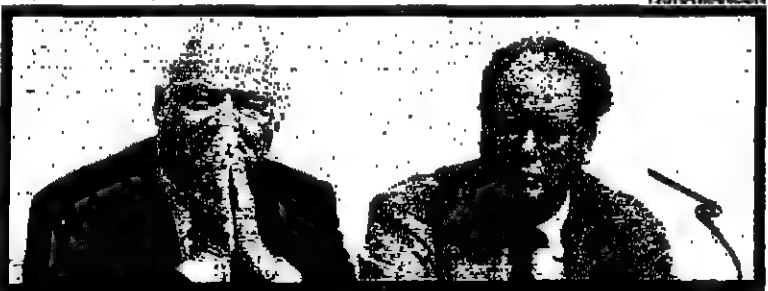
The scene of Goldsmith's second meeting with Major, several years later, was very different. The occasion was Margaret Thatcher's 70th birthday and a special dinner party was held at Claridge's. All her old friends and most loyal supporters were present, including Goldsmith. The Queen attended, as did the Prime Minister, John Major. Just before the guests went in to dine, Goldsmith and Major came face to face among the throng. Curiously, Major greeted Goldsmith very warmly, calling him "Jimmy", although they had met only once before.

Goldsmith greeted the Prime Minister politely and they had a short conversation, during which Major gave an intriguing insight into his thinking, at least as far as formulating European policy was concerned. "Jimmy," he said, "you know, if you were to ask 50 of my backbenchers where I stand on Europe, 25 would say I was a federalist and 25 would say I was a Eurosceptic."

Major said this with an obvious look of pride, as if managing recalcitrant backbenchers was the supreme responsibility of Britain's most



Sir James Goldsmith on the campaign trail, Rochampton, April 1997



Sir James with Lord McAlpine of West Green at the Referendum Party conference in 1996. Right: McAlpine claims that John Major failed to keep his side of the referendum bargain

orised" friends of John Major's were in the habit of offering peerages to industrialists, newspaper editors and, it seems, to all and sundry.

On the telephone Major spoke lucidly and persuasively, once again explaining his precarious position. He asserted that he would offer a full referendum on Europe, and it would be very soon, but to succeed he needed Goldsmith's co-operation. His argument went as follows: if he were seen to be capitulating under pressure from Goldsmith, it would be impossible to push the referendum policy past his divided and quarrelsome backbenchers. So would Goldsmith hold off a while longer? Once again, Gold-

"Still there was silence from the Conservatives about a full referendum. Our suspicions began to grow"

smith readily agreed. He had never sought to become a politician and had no personal ambition to fulfil in the political sphere. Quite simply, he wanted a full referendum before, or at the same time as, the election. And if the silence of the Referendum Party helped John Major into a position to deliver that and win the election, James Goldsmith was quite prepared to have his party keep that silence and help John Major in the subsequent election campaign.

So, for the second time, the RP delayed the start of its campaign. Ads were postponed, millions of campaign leaflets were held back and, most difficult of all, the growing numbers of prospective candidates and party workers were deliberately restrained from firing the first salvoes. The word in the ranks was: when are we going to start?

This delicate situation continued for some weeks more. Still there was total silence from the Conservatives about a full referendum. The situation was becoming perplexing and suspicions about John Major's intentions began to grow. Then, on March 10, word reached us from within Major's camp that there

would be a sting in the tail of this apparent volte-face.

The word was that, instead of offering a full referendum on Britain's relationship with Europe, Major was going to offer a much more limited plebiscite on the single currency. In this way, of course, he would neatly avoid reopening any discussion of the Maastricht treaty, which he had negotiated and had hailed as a personal triumph, and of Britain's growing political enslavement to the Brussels bureaucrats. At the same time, he could openly claim that the Conservative Party was the "referendum party". In short, Major's move would undermine the Referendum Party while offering something, but not much, to the Eurosceptics in his own party.

This was a scenario which had already been discussed in the Goldsmith camp. But in the event we were dismayed when it became apparent that Major had no intention of keeping what Goldsmith believed to be a bargain.

There is no doubt that many of us believed a referendum might even win the forthcoming election for the Conservative Party. Margaret Thatcher, while remaining loyal to her party, was of the opinion that a referendum on polling day would turn out discontented Conservatives who would otherwise have stayed at home. Myself, I believe that for Major to announce a referendum would have been a masterstroke. The Referendum Party would have moved to support the Conservatives, and disenchanted Conservatives might have voted for their own party so that their votes in the referendum would count for something.

Unlike Harold Wilson, Major was not prepared to allow an open debate in his Cabinet or in his party. Dissenting ministers would have to resign. A little later we discovered why: Major admitted to a national newspaper that if there were a referendum immediately, he wouldn't win. In other words, Major had made his position clear: there would be a referendum on a single currency only when he had marshalled all the power of Government and the political Establishment in favour.

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# 'Jackie had begged him to go to bed with her'



In Day Three of Hilary and Piers du Pré's memoir of their sister, Hilary du Pré tells how Jacqueline's fight for survival meant giving the disturbed musical genius what she wanted — Kiffer, Hilary's husband

Danny was due to arrive on a late plane, so Kiffer set off to collect him from the airport, leaving Jackie and me to prepare supper. Everything was ready when, suddenly, the night was punctuated by the rhythmic hooting of the car horn. Quickly we lit the candles in the lanterns and ran out on to the terrace. "Hi, don't leave me, don't ever leave me alone." "Jack," I said softly, stopping and looking straight into her eyes, "you know I won't. I shall stay with you all the time. Come on." We jumped off the little wall and on to the road, to find Kiffer and Danny [Baron, the conductor and Jackie's husband] waiting for us. Danny and I embraced. We opened the front door into the warm and glowing room, and we were welcomed by delicious smells of supper. "Where's the bathroom?" said Danny, looking around. "Come with me. There's no time here, I'm afraid," Kiffer led the incredulous Danny outside again and directed him into the bushes. The moment he was out of the door, Jackie turned to me. "Hi, I don't want to see him. I'm going to bed." "On no, you're not, Jackie, you're staying here. Just let Kiffer and me do all the talking." We made supper as cheerful as possible, but Jackie refused even to look at Danny. He was upset. We had decided to give him our room downstairs: Jackie was to sleep in the blue room upstairs and we moved into the big room. The next day was awful. I was the first to wake and went straight to the window. The

weather had changed, it was grey and wet, and the wind was coming from the south — a bad sign. It wasn't long before Jackie came in and sat on the end of our bed. She looked exhausted. "How did you sleep, Jackie?" I asked. "I didn't, and I'm going to sleep all day." "Look, Jack," Kiffer said, tenderly, "Danny's terribly upset and he's trying so hard. Please try and be civil. We

Kiffer came to bed with me and, if Jackie needed him, he went up to her later. At times, I wept myself to sleep

won't leave you, but you must make an effort. He's as upset as you are. Try and see it from his point of view." I went downstairs to prepare breakfast: hot coffee and croissants. Danny came into the kitchen. We gave each other a kiss. "Where is everybody?" "Kiffer is just coming and I think I heard Jackie moving around. I'm sure she'll be down in a moment." It was cold and we sat round the table trying to warm ourselves with coffee. Danny was obviously chilly but trying, unsuccessfully, to be jolly. Jackie was silent and glum. Danny sniffed: "I think I'm getting a cold. Have you a

heater I can have? I need to go back to bed." He retreated to his room, and Jackie to hers. Somehow, Kiffer and I had to keep things afloat, so he went up to talk to Jackie and I went down to talk to Danny. Jackie was sobbing and confused, and refusing to come out of her room, or to have anything to do with Danny. Kiffer tried to persuade her to make an effort, whatever she felt, and to separate her feelings from her actions. Danny was upset, too. He had arrived in good spirits, and had been full of determined hope. "Hilary, I feel terrible. What can I do? What have I done? I can't do anything right, and she won't even look at me."

"Danny, she's extremely exhausted, so obviously she's low. She needs time to recover, and plenty of space. It will be hard, but if you can give her that, it will be the kindest thing you can do for her. She is too depressed to be able to respond to you now." But neither of them could see the other's point of view. That evening, Danny's cold developed into flu-like symptoms, and, feeling thoroughly dejected, he went to bed. There was nothing he could enjoy — he was alone in his room and with only me to read or chat to him. He was totally cut off from his world. The weather continued to be dismal and, a few days later, it was time for Danny to leave. Jackie refused even to say goodbye to him. "Look after her, Hilary." "I will, Danny..." Danny was warm and friendly, although he was obviously sad and hurt. We embraced and he left with Kiffer for the airport.



"Kiffer and I never let go of each other. Marriage, I think, is like a bank balance: the more you put in the more you can take out. This was an expensive time"

We returned to Ashmansworth where Jackie announced she needed to be alone for a day or two. "I'll be back soon. I'll phone." And she did phone, almost the moment she arrived in London. It was difficult to understand what she was saying, but she sounded desperate. Kiffer leapt into the car and sped off. I knew he was doing the right thing, but it left me in a quaking mess. I felt so confused. I don't remember how I coped with the children.

When Kiffer returned in the evening, he took me into the garden and I sobbed and sobbed as he told me (but I had already guessed) that Jackie had begged him to go to bed with her — and so he had. Although we had both expected this to happen, the shock for me was enormous. I wept in his arms, immensely relieved he had come home, but feeling utterly betrayed.

Jackie was fighting to survive and she knew Kiffer was not overwhelmed by her; therefore, in a crisis, she could turn to him and he would be strong enough for her in a way no one had managed before. When I married Kiffer I had found my life and my love where I felt I could be free and where I knew I was safe. But the only way to make Jackie better was to give her what she wanted. And she wanted Kiffer.

As I struggled with myself, Kiffer said: "...and she's coming back tomorrow." To live, Jackie came to live with us at Ashmansworth. She cancelled all her engagements, and it was announced she was suffering from nervous exhaustion and would be resting until 1972. There were four little children in the house as well as my mother-in-law and my grandmother. Privacy was impossible. Kiffer and I retreated to the upstairs bathroom where I perched on the edge of the bath, as he sat on the loo. "Are you all right, Hil?" "I'm fine," I replied, with a pounding heart. "Look, Hil, you must believe that I love you very much and I will never leave you. There is no question. I will never go."

"I know. And I love you, too. I know that Jackie needs to be here, but I shall still find it awful when you're together." "Whatever happens, our aim in all of this is to help to make Jackie better. She needs us both." Kiffer and I agreed Jackie should stay at Ashmansworth for as long as she wanted. But each day brought a different requirement, depending on her psychological state. The bathroom became our sanctuary whenever we needed to talk about her. She fluctuated from great heights to bottomless depths. At these times, Kiffer was the only person who could help her, who could support her

huge emotional weight. Jackie slept in the attic, a spacious, light room where she could shut herself away if she needed to. Through the summer months, whenever she needed to be alone with Kiffer during the day, they walked over the fields and downs. Some excursions were longer than others, but invariably she returned in a much better frame of mind. Kiffer always came to bed with me and, if Jackie needed

On the one hand I was glad she had turned to my family, for help, but, on the other, I felt robbed and lost. Sometimes I felt I was required to give up everything I loved to Jackie. My way of dealing with the situation was to keep life as normal as possible. When Jackie was very depressed, sometimes crying all morning, I didn't want the children to be with her. They found themselves taken on lots of sprees. Alternatively, Kiffer and Jack-

But one day, my feelings overcame me. In the early morning, after a particularly demanding period, when Jackie had been in a slough of despondency, I suddenly found it all too much. Kiffer had been struggling to keep Jackie afloat and was feeling very weary himself, but I was beginning to struggle, too, and became engulfed with panic and tears. I ran out of the house, across the field to the hedge under the oak tree. I

aim is to help Jackie, and at the moment she needs both of us. I won't let you down and we won't let her down either. You know that. Now, come and have some breakfast and then you'll feel better." Despite Kiffer's reassurance, I was watching. I couldn't help it. People might say "How could a marriage survive like that?" But Kiffer and I never let go of each other. We were still there together all the time. In the end, marriage, I think, is like a bank balance: the more you put in the more you can take out. This was an expensive time.

We had planned to go back to France in August, but Kiffer was still heavily involved closing down our poultry business. Mum and Dad were longing to go, so we decided that I should go ahead with them and the children, and that Kiffer would follow with Jackie two weeks later.

## THE PREMONITION



Jacqueline du Pré, president would never divulge. We talked profoundly about the future, too, although we were in no hurry to get there. Grown-ups had to do

so much they didn't enjoy. We knew that Dad did not like going to work and that Mum loathed the social functions that he had to attend. She was supposed to go with him, but he usually went alone. Jackie and I were certainly in no rush to grow older.

It was while we were there one day, when I was 12 and Jackie 9, that Jackie suddenly looked at me with an intense expression and confided a whispered secret. "Hil?" "Mmmmm?" "Don't tell Mum but... when I grow up, I won't be able to walk or move."

Neither of us stirred or spoke. We just stared at each other. "I heard Kiffer coming upstairs. He came in and put his arm around me. "Hil, where have you been? You look awful. Didn't you hear me calling?" "Yes, I did," I whispered, "but I couldn't move." "I couldn't speak properly, either: my voice was croaky." "Kif, I'm so tired. I need you, too. I know that Jackie's extremely low, but she wants you for herself. She wants to take you away."

"Don't be so silly, Hil. You know perfectly well that I wouldn't let her do that. I wouldn't leave you." He stood me in front of him with his hands on my shoulders. "Now listen, Hil," he said, fixing me in the eye. "Our

AT THE end of our garden in Purley, behind the Wendy-house and underneath the old apple tree, was a rather riotous fence. Jackie and I discovered a loose strut which could easily be pushed aside. This was the gateway to our secret world.

We called it the bomb pench. It had been left alone since the war and was completely wild. For us it was a haven. No one used it, and we knew that we could not be seen. In spring and summer we could slip unnoticed through the fence and disappear.

It was in the intensity of our secret camp that we shared our deepest thoughts and observations, which we vowed we

him, he went up to her later. On better days, I seized every opportunity to involve her in the children's activities. When the weather was good, we would pile into the little blue Renault 4 and go bouncing and swaying over the hills.

At the same time, I was watching my sister go through hell. She was tormented, frightened and very muddled

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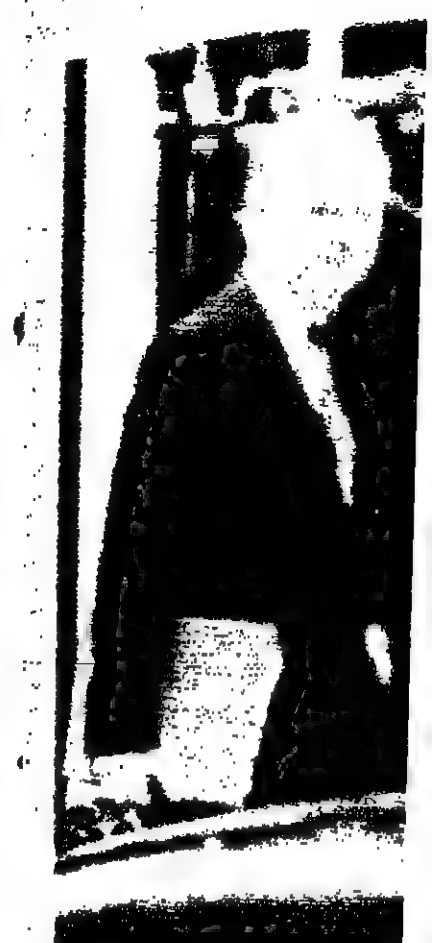
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# The day John Major almost quit

Black Wednesday left John Major shaken, reviled and ready to resign, says Anthony Seldon in the fourth extract from his book

The most difficult day — September 16, 1992 — in John Major's political life began ordinarily enough, with Downing Street basking in a day more summery than autumnal. At his pre-7am meeting he was told of overnight activities, when foreign exchange officials had been monitoring the grim picture of a wave of selling of sterling in foreign exchange markets — New York, Tokyo — gathering momentum as it moved towards London. The question that morning was, should interest rates be put up then, or might further intervention just work? The Bank of England, however, spent millions of pounds before the opening of the London market, to no effect.

Just before 9am Major and Norman Lamont spoke on the telephone. As the intervention had failed, Lamont said that an interest-rate hike was the only alternative. That was what Major had dreaded: any interest-rate rise would play straight into the hands of Eurosceptics as evidence of why Britain should not become any more closely involved in Europe. Major was anxious to involve his three most weighty Cabinet ministers — Michael Heseltine, Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Clarke — in the evolving decisions, not least — as was his style — so that they felt bound to any outcome. It so happened that all were at Admiralty

House that morning to discuss contingency plans after the French referendum result. Major was called out of the meeting at 10.30am to talk to Lamont, and returned to say he had agreed to a 2 per cent interest-rate increase to stem the run on the pound. After the meeting broke up, Major told Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Pierre Berégovoy, the French Prime Minister, that, despite the interest-rate rises, Britain intended to stay within the exchange-rate mechanism if at all possible. The rise took effect at 11am, but sterling did not respond immediately. Lamont was glued to the money market screens and realised within seconds that the battle was lost. Major did his best to maintain a semblance of normality. At midday, he kept an appointment with a group of backbenchers. With Treasury officials waiting at the door, Major extended the meeting to 25 minutes rather than ushering out the backbenchers at the end of their allotted ten minutes.

Heseltine, Hurd and Clarke — understandably distracted by the morning's events — returned to their departments, where they anxiously watched events unfold on television. At 12.30pm, all three were recalled to Admiralty House, where they met Major and Lamont in the dining room, lined with portraits of former naval heroes, now used as a temporary command centre. The news was not good. A wave of gloom had swept across British business and homeowners that morning, as they faced interest rates they could not afford. Billions were wiped off share prices as the stock market shed another 30 points. "We are losing tens of

millions of pounds for every few minutes that we go on talking," the Chancellor burst out. Speculators, sensing the kill, were locked into selling sterling in the knowledge that they could, after the inevitable devaluation, buy it back more cheaply, thereby making billions of pounds of profit at the Government's expense.

At 12.45pm, the ministerial group was joined by Treasury and Bank officials. Major's chairing of the meeting was described as slightly rattled, but authoritative. As the morning interest-rate rise had failed, the options now were fourfold: to increase interest rates to 15 per cent, to let the

Treasury, and suspend ERM membership now, or follow his most senior Cabinet ministers and give it one last heave. He chose the latter. The meeting broke up at 2pm, and at 2.15pm the Bank announced rates would rise to 15 per cent — reversing all the hard-fought cuts since October 1990.

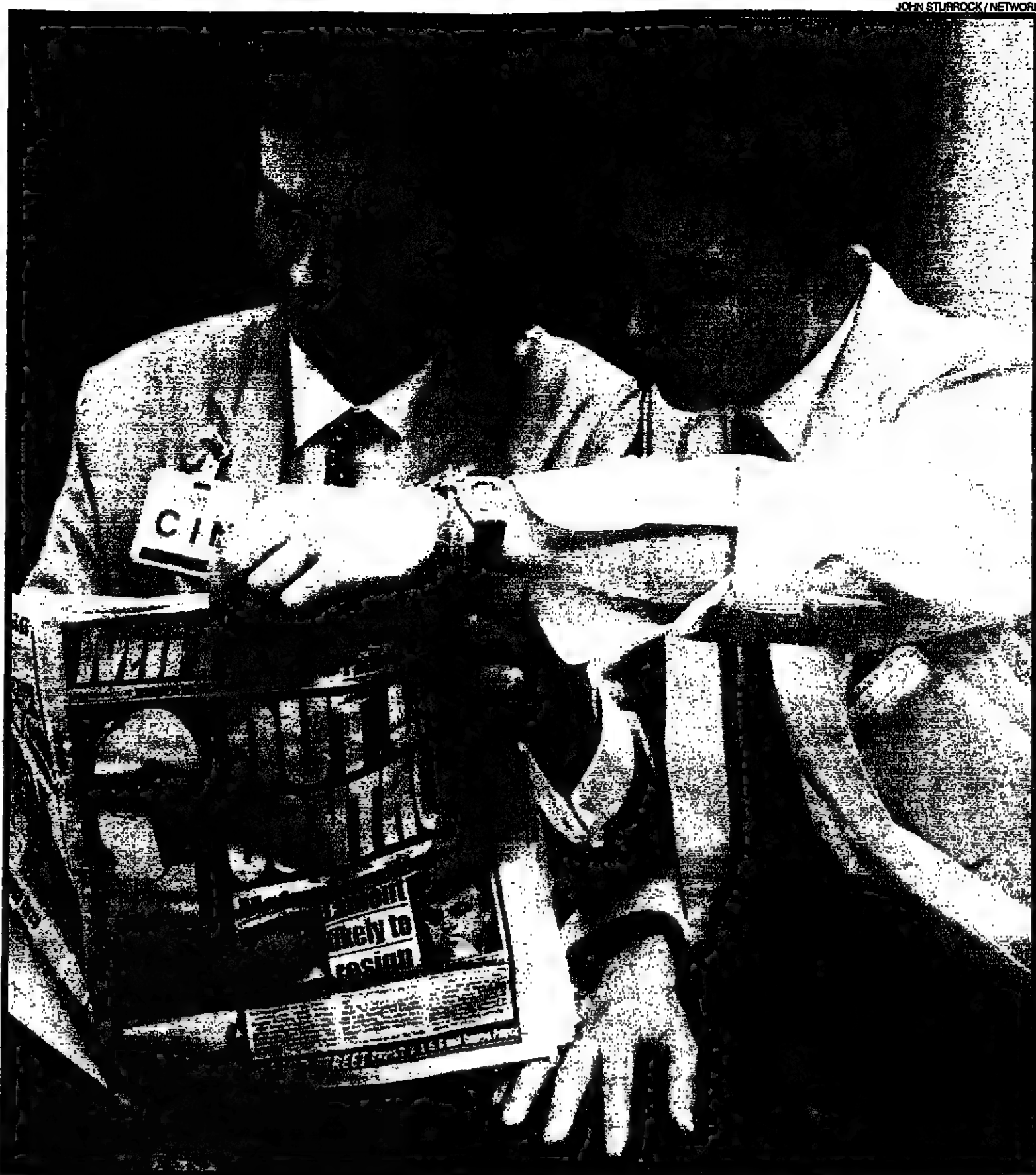
Speculation in Whitehall had been rising all day. Many Cabinet ministers knew little of what was going on. John Wakeham, Leader of the Lords, was due to go to Charterhouse school to watch his son play football, but spoke to Robin Butler before leaving, saying he thought it odd that he had not been involved. Butler replied that he had found out what was going on only when he happened to pass by No 10. Butler joined the group when it met before 4pm in Admiralty House, waiting for the Governor and Chancellor to return from the City to report on the effects of the second interest-rate rise.

The three heavy-weight ministers were tetchy at not being better informed. Butler joked in the waiting room that here were some of the most influential people in the country during a decisive moment in its history, sitting around with no access to any market information; no one had thought to install Reuters monitors on a computer network. In the Prime Minister's quarters in Admiralty House.

When the Chancellor and Governor returned, Lamont first had a private meeting with Major, and then the large meeting was reconvened. The day had so obviously been lost; talk revolved around how best to handle and present the news. Lamont, it was agreed, should announce the reversal of the rise to 15 per cent back to 12 per cent. Heseltine and Clarke pressed for a return to 10 per cent, but the Treasury and Bank agreed that such a move was precipitous and might put the pound at risk. Norman Fowler was sent to do the rounds of the television studios, presenting the news as favourably as he could. Perhaps over-cautiously, Fowler was deputed to speak because, as party chairman, he was not a government minister and so would not be speaking prejudicially before the meeting of the EMS Monetary Committee in Brussels that night. But Lamont, too, conducted several of the early media interviews before returning to the Treasury and debating, over takeaway pizza, what should be done about interest rates and which line to take at the Brussels meeting.

Soon there were stories on the grapevine that Major had cracked, lost his nerve, or "wobbled" on the day. There is no truth in any of these rumours. Some suspected Lamont's supporters put the rumours about an accusation he denied. Major had periods of irritation, particularly against the Bundesbank. He complained that the Bank of England, especially Eddie George, had not done enough earlier to remedy the position. But, throughout the key meetings and in all the decisions, he was almost inhumanly calm and self-possessed. Although obviously under great pressure, he elicited opinions from everyone, asked the questions, listed pros and cons, and took the final decisions.

That night, Major was the first of his team to take on board fully what a devastating blow it would prove to the Government, and his own position, as well as to party



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### TOMORROW

The tensions at the top: the rivalries in the Major Cabinet that led to revolt



Hogarth was capable of far more than satire, as two new shows demonstrate. Richard Cork reports

# All life and lust is here

With his flair for controversy and mass-reproduction selling, William Hogarth ensured himself a fame granted to few other British artists. His very name has entered our language, as an adjective used to describe rumbustious scenes of tipsiness, lechery and corruption. But if we have a ready-made image of what Hogarthian means, do we really know Hogarth and his seeming, multi-faceted work?

The question is raised at the British Museum and the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester, where two major surveys of his graphic images have been organised to mark the 300th anniversary of Hogarth's birth. Drawing on the Whitworth's own superb collection, more than 100 Hogarth prints are displayed there in a survey of his central involvement with the city. The British Museum's exhibition, thoughtfully selected by David Bindman and subtitled *Serious Comedy*, underlines the immense energy and ambition of a man associated too readily with boisterous satire alone.

Relishing his enviable freedom of movement, during a period when the London art world had few schools and no Royal Academy, this tireless, self-made individualist defiantly explored a bewildering array of possibilities. Low-life images were produced at the same time as genteel portrait groups and soap-opera moralities. Erotic scenes coexist in his output with a grandiose, sombre painting at Lincoln's Inn extolling the virtues of justice. Hogarth was astonishingly versatile, uneven in achievement and impossible to pin down. The only important subject he avoided was landscape.

These words apply supremely to a *Midnight Conversation*, the most popular of Hogarth's prints. He claimed that it had moralising intentions, and the well-dressed revellers tottering round the punchbowl are all perilously near total collapse. One, scarcely able to support himself with a high-backed chair, pours wine onto the bald head of a drinker sprawling across the floor. Another, slumped in the corner next to a retching companion, struggles to light an upside-down pipe. But he holds the candlestick so feebly that it threatens to set him ablaze. Although Hogarth's inscription claims that he intends to "lash the Vice", the print seems knockabout rather than mere

clever. Inevitable boozers regarded it with special affection, and Bindman displays an 18th-century tankard proudly decorated with a glazed relief copied from a *Midnight Modern Conversation*.

Hogarth himself was no stranger to the delights of drinking. One of the sprightliest exhibits at the British Museum is a swift ink-and-wash drawing from a volume called *The Five Days Persecution*. It shows Hogarth and four friends breakfasting at the Nag's Head during a rowdy tour of the Kent coast. Singing, playing hopscotch and hurling soft cow-dung at each other in mock fights, they consumed heroic meals and prodigious quantities of beer. Hogarth capped the boyish naughtiness by defecating on a churchyard grave at Hoo.

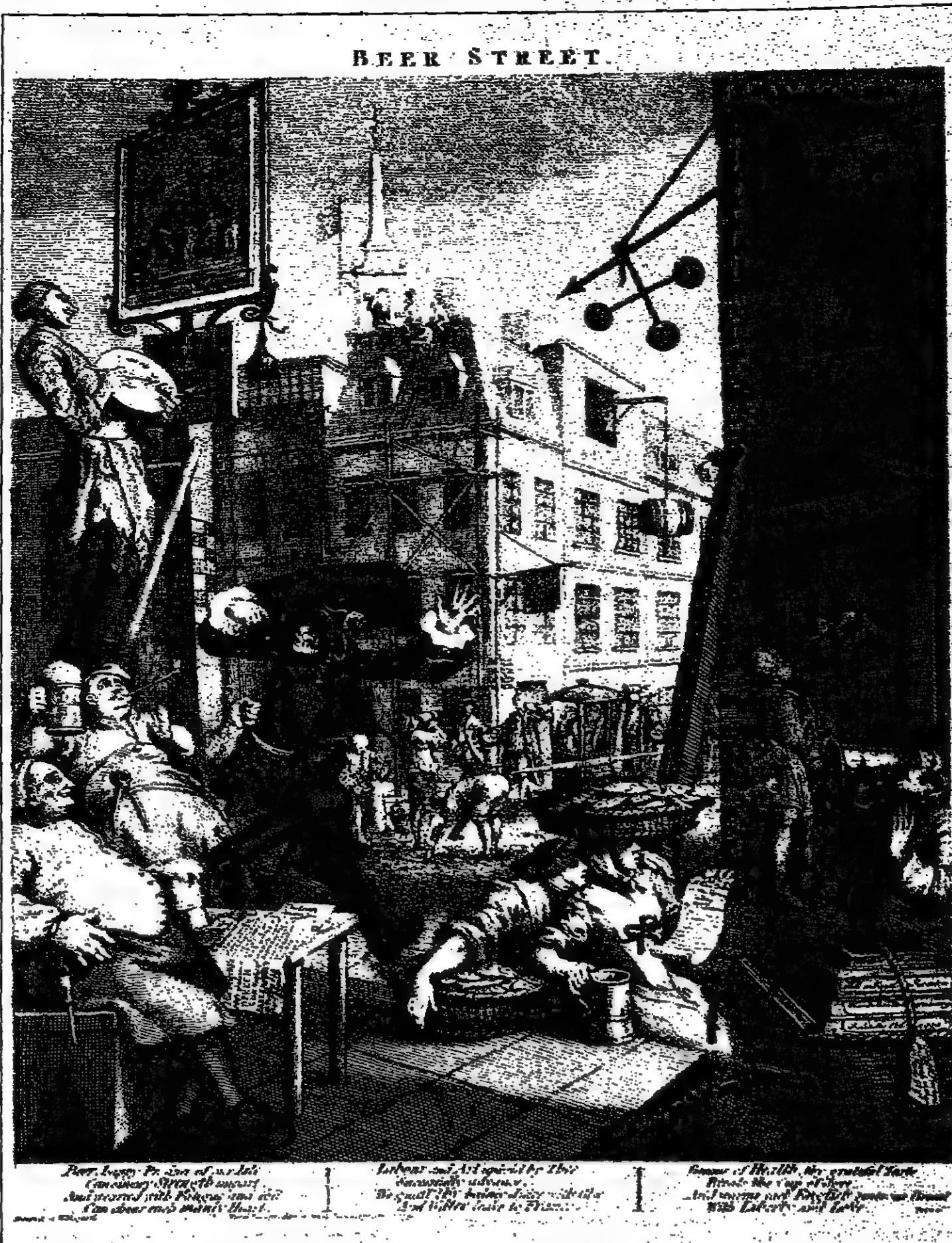
**"The only important subject he avoided was landscape"**

In her excellent new biography of the artist (Faber, £25), Jenny Uglow comments that Hogarth's wit "often had such crude bravado, a metaphorical determination to clap where he could".

Apart from making a print of a slumbering congregation stunned by the tedium of a church service, Hogarth rarely attacked the clergy. He reserved much of his venom for physicians. In 1737 he produced a graphic masterpiece called *The Company of Undertakers*, advertised as "Quacks in Conversation". The more sensational members of the medical profession are arrayed in this gaggle of pompous faces crowned by fetishistic periwigs. Gathered above skeletal emblems of death, the conspiratorial grotesques are surmounted by a trio of notorious charlatans. Mrs Mapp, the cross-eyed bone-setter, is sandwiched between John Taylor the oculist, described by Dr Johnson as "an instance of how far imprudence would carry ignorance", and a pill-pusher called Joshua "Spur" Ward, whom Hogarth had already pilloried in the death scene of *The Harlot's Progress*.

It is ironic for such dangerous impostors knew no bounds, and yet his condemnation was securely founded in precise observation. One contemporary writer insisted that "the physicians in Hogarth's prints are not caricatures. The full dress with the sword and great tie-wig, and the hat under the arm, and the doctors in consultation, each smelling to a gold-headed cane... are pictures of real life in his time."

The moods encompassed in Hogarth's work span a far wider range than is often acknowledged. At one extreme, his most savage print can be found at the end of *The Four*



Far removed from the intoxicated hell he depicted in *Gin Lane*, Hogarth's *Beer Street* (1751) offers a vision of prosperous contentment.

*Stages of Cruelty*. He set the scene in an operating theatre, where the corpse of the sadistic Tom Nero receives its gruesome come-uppance. Presided over by the callous indifference of physicians observing the proceedings, Nero is subjected to the most humiliating dissection imaginable. While a young assistant makes incisions in his feet, and another butcher-like figure gouges his eye-socket, the haggard senior surgeon carves into his bowels, pulling out intestines. A dog is permitted to gnaw at his discarded remains. Hogarth saw this degradation as a suitable fate

for a man who had himself been guilty of terrible crimes against animals, and he came to believe that publication of *The Four Stages of Cruelty* had "checked the diabolical spirit of barbarity, which, I am sorry to say, was once so prevalent in this country".

But he was also able to express a surprising amount of tenderness. When the retired sea-captain Thomas Coram established the Foundling Hospital, Hogarth backed the enterprise with limitless, unpaid enthusiasm. For the Court Room in the new building, he depicted the moment when Moses, "the first foundling",

was given by his mother to Pharaoh's daughter. In Hogarth's engraved version of the painting, he shows far greater anguish on the mother's face. Although Pharaoh's daughter appears confident of her ability to reassure the child, and holds out a welcoming hand, he is afraid to leave the maternal robes. His expression reveals all the desperation of a small boy reluctant to leave the woman he loves.

In the end, though, Hogarth is at his most trenchant when dealing with modern urban life. Images of humanity brawling, cheating and carousing in city thoroughfares

dominate both shows, in London and Manchester alike. Although Hogarth hoped that the contrasting prints of *Beer Street* and *Gin Lane* would "reform some reigning Vices peculiar to the lower Class of People", they did not have the effect he intended. For *Beer Street's* vision of prosperous contentment has always been overlooked, in favour of the apocalyptic energy animating *Gin Lane's* intoxicated hell.

Hogarth and his Times at the British Museum (0171-636 1555) until Jan 4; Hogarth: The Artist and the City at the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester (0161-275 7450) until Nov 16

## AROUND THE GALLERIES

THE extensive exhibition Craft aims to undermine the distinction between art and craft and show how those who make art employ a great deal of craft and vice versa. Unfortunately, the affordable scale of most of the objects gives it an air of an upmarket bring-and-buy sale. The work is most successful when the suggested gap between disciplines seems slight: the raggy, craggy work of Ben Hall, with his denim rag rugs, for instance, or Joyce Scott's wire and glass bead voodoo dolls, or Alga Müller's plaster cushion studded with ceramic fragments.

Cecile Johnson-Soliz makes fabulous pots, fundamental expressions in themselves, but displays them on two oppressive and high a plinth. Sergel Stapleton and Rebecca Warren's glass rocket, in a display case with the back of a circular sticky label representing the Moon, is displayed as quite a grand collaborative statement. Richard Salmon, *Edwards Square, Studios*, 59 South Edwards Square, London W8 (0171-602 9494), to Nov 8

EVIDENCE of a painstaking project recording the span and range of an archaeological dig along a part of the Ridgeway is currently on view at both the University and Pitt Rivers Museums, Oxford. The excavated ground has been photographed, inch by inch, by painter Simon Callery and photographer Andrew Watson. The University Museum has installed seven specially built 27-drawer deep-plank chests. It is possible to pull open any of the drawers to view a section of the excavated information. Along the road at the annex of the Pitt Rivers Museum it is possible to see the photographs arranged all together to gain an overview. However, in this case knowing that something exists may be enough, without having to see it. The Segsbury Project, Oxford University Museum, Parks Road, Oxford and Pitt Rivers Museum, Balfour Building, 60 Banbury Road until Oct 31

A SLEEPING child: the upper part of a woman's body, legs and a lower torso, modelled perfectly out of wax, lie across the floor, lean against the wall or hang from the ceiling. The "realistic" human form, which has returned with a vengeance over the past decade, is probably the easiest way to combine classical form with contemporary expression. The most successful pieces in *Plin Stadthamer's* first London show, however, seem to be those that carry her point to conclusion. Two larger-than-life figures, modelled or cast in less soft material, lie heavy on the floor, with heads propped against the wall to set up a strange relation between their apparent likeness, scale and surface. These figures carry more plausible gravity and weight than the wax figures, which provide just too obvious a strange image.

Defina, 50 Bernadinsky Street, London SE1 (0171-357 6600), until Nov 23

SACHA CRADDOCK

## Wonderful sets, but at a price

Sampling opera in Europe is a curious experience nowadays. Attending new stagings of *Das Rheingold* in Amsterdam and *Turandot* in Paris brought severe culture shock, since there was little to distract musically on either evening. I spent most of both wondering what on earth they could have cost. Spectacle has been a part of opera since it started, and British audiences are being starved of it. Operatically, we

are the Poor Man of Europe. I would guess that the Dutch *Rheingold*, the first instalment of Pierre Audi's new *Ring*, cost considerably more than the whole Jones-Lowery cycle at Covent Garden. George Tsypkin's set is based on three full-size false stages, which fly about. A walkway is built round the pit into the stalls area. There were two veriginously suspended balconies on stage for adventurous members of the audi-



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ence. There are four bare lightbulbs. It is all wonderfully lit, and looks the million dollars it doubtless cost. What it all did for *Das Rheingold* is another matter. The singers were dwarfed by their surroundings, and at the level of narrative the performance was, to put it mildly, vague. The more experienced soloists - Chris Merritt (Loge), Graham Clark (Mime), Anne Gjevang (Erda) - did best. John Brichler's tentative Wotan left a large hole at the centre of the action. But what scuppered the evening was the dull conducting of Hartmut Haenchen and the very ordinary playing by the Hague Residentie Orchestra. I would rather a bare stage and Bernard Haitink.

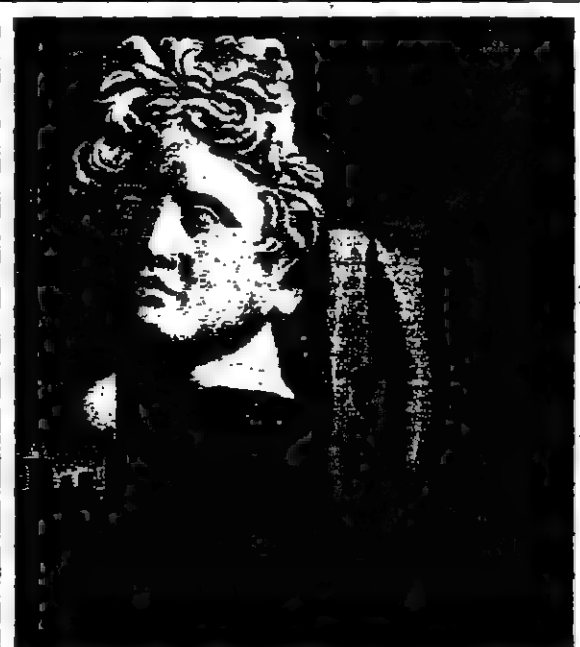
Indeed, both evenings demonstrated both powerfully and negatively that conductors are ultimately responsible for the

success or otherwise of an opera performance. There was nothing a fine cast or sparky direction could do with Georges Pretre's disastrously lethargic account of *Turandot* in Paris. Sergey Larin, the excellent Calaf, had to breathe the last word of *Nessun dorma*; Sharon Sweet, on better form as the Ice Princess than at Covent Garden, had to pause for breath even more often; only Barbara Fritoli (Liù) had the breath control to see her through without mishap.

Francesca Zambello's production is huge fun. The Emperor is kept in a cage and Turandot has taken over, sustained in power by two dozen fierce Amazonian guards. The executioner is female. The only men in the palace are eunuchs, squealing and sneering in an unacceptably encephalic fashion, and the three Masks who, in interesting leather gear, are plainly not the marrying kind. The second act opens in the palace kitchen, where hundreds of princely heads are stored in a wire-front cupboard. The three riddles are posed over Low-Ling's numb. This is the gender war writ large.

It works fine until the last scene, which can only be seen as an Unhappy End. Zambello goes into another production, and Alison Chitty's door constructive set suddenly goes bright orange. So do the Amazons. Never can the argument for ending the piece where Puccini broke off, with the death of Liù, have been more strongly made. After all, even without this gender-war gloss, the action of *Turandot* is still waiting to be resolved.

RODNEY MILNES



TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

## Dream ticket

Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's still lifes

GIORGIO DE CHIRICO: *The Song of Love*, c.1914 ALL the objects seem frozen in this deserted, heavily shadowed piazza. Even the puff of white smoke above the distant train looks arrested in space. Reduced to a black silhouette, the train appears incapable of motion. As for the shining glove hung so incongruously next to the classical carving, its limpness is ungratified by a breeze. The juxtaposition of modern glove and ancient head is startling, and suggests that de Chirico is haunted by his country's inescapable past. But no rational explanation can be found for this teasingly enigmatic painting. It is as mysterious as the green ball poised in the foreground, like a stage prop left over from the dramatisation of an indecipherable dream.

Objects of Desire, sponsored by BMW in association with The Times, opens at the Hayward (0171-960 4242) on Thursday

TOMORROW: Henri Matisse's *Goldfish and Palette*

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

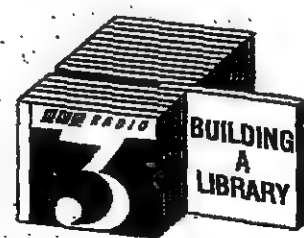
BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NO 5 Rehearsed by Richard Osborne

WHEN Trevor Harvey discussed Beethoven's Fifth in the first ever *Building a Library*, 40 years ago last Saturday, there were fewer than a dozen recordings available. Now there are getting on for a hundred. And yet the conductors who dominated the 1957 survey - Toscanini, Furtwängler, Bruno Walter, Erich Kleiber, Otto Klemperer - still dominate the interpretative high ground.

The winner in 1957 was Klemperer's 1955 mono recording with the Philharmonia Orchestra (EMI CD 63808-2). No one conducts the last two movements better than Klemperer, but his account of the first movement now seems a touch sedate.

A great performance of the Fifth will generate huge tensions but will have nobility, too. Ponderousness won't do in the first movement, nor will headless precipitation. Almost alone, Toscanini could drive the music fiercely forward while at the same time achieving a fully articulated orchestral sound. His 1939 NBC recording (RCA GD 60270) is particularly fine.

Toscanini was a follower of the new functionalism in Beethoven interpretation that took root in Germany in the 1920s. That movement's modern counterpart is period authen-



ticism. None of these performances would be my first choice, though both Norrington and Eliot Gardiner catch powerfully the explosive sonorities of Beethoven's revolutionary orchestration. Harzoncourt's performance is marred by bizarre retouchings of dynamics and balance.

At the heart of the old German tradition of Beethoven interpretation was great textual clarity, serving the music's contrapuntal element, and a richly developed sound serving the harmonic element. No one demonstrated this better than Furtwängler and the Berlin Philharmonic, but Carlos Kleiber does so too in his celebrated 1974 Vienna Philharmonic recording (DG 447 400-2, £9.99). Kleiber is profoundly attuned to the great performing traditions of the past.

Equally, I would not want to be without Furtwängler's 1937 Berlin studio recording (Biddulph WHL 0067). After 1945 his reading changed, but in the heyday of his art, he understood the symphony more completely than anyone.

To order the recommended recording, with free delivery, please send a cheque payable to The Times Music Shop to FREEPOST, SCO681, Forres, IV36 0BR or phone 0345 023 498; e-mail: music@the-times.co.uk. Next Saturday on Radio 3 (9am): Schubert's String Quartet, Death and the Maiden

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## Soft nutty centres

TALK about grabbing your attention. Within the first moments of Hilary Fannin's play a middle-aged woman has been presented with a birthday cake with about a million candles on it, one of her daughters has carried onstage a vast cut-out photograph of a man in naval uniform, and her gun-toting mother-in-law has been warned that she will soon be killed by people unknown. It would take an all-electric dramatist to sustain that degree of stimulus, and for all the brightness of her dialogue, Fannin is not yet that.

Sadly, her play tends to splutter. The plot never quite ignites. The characters sometimes seize your interest, but do not hold it. Very soon you twig that the Brazils are an

Mackintosh  
Bush, W12

eccentric, dysfunctional family, largely because of the unexplained disappearance of naval-officer dad, and by the end you neither know nor care a lot more.

The time is the early 1970s and the place Dublin. The bailiffs are in the offing, thanks to the debts of Ruth Hegarty's Mamma, a professional singer who brags about her family on Irish radio but has little time for it in practice. The elder daughter, Emma McVoy's Mamma, is expecting a baby out of wedlock. The younger, Vivienne Verveen's Stephanie, talks obsessively of an order of nuns who may or may not be called the Little Sisters of Malpais. Her son, Ben Palmer's Jack, whinges on about his life as a deckboy on a trawler.

Meanwhile their grandmother, played by Gillian Rahe, in feisty, bodacious style, directs insults at Mamma, whom in her more colorful moments she blames for the break-up of her late husband's marriage. At other times she lapses into sentiment, mistaking her grandson for her son and the rest of the family for unruly patients who need to be chased from her doctor-husband's surgery.

Fine, but where does it all lead? Nowhere much. The language has some of the spirit we have come to expect of plays by Irish writers. But when Mamma is asked if she thought she was "kick-starting time travel" when she got pregnant, or a boring neighbour told he is in the house so often "the fish could forge your signature", you feel a self-conscious verbal swaggle is substituting for wit.

This is a first play, a world premiere and part of the Bush Theatre's 25th birthday celebrations, so it would be nice to avoid that lukewarm plaudits promising. But after sitting through Mike Bradwell's production it is about the best I can do.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Kim Louis and the gang from Kat and the Kings sing one of those oh so familiar rock'n'roll classics they weren't digging back in the late 1950s

## Rock back the clock

After years of going along to compilation musicals where familiar hits are looped together into a noose to jerk you back to jolly times gone by, here is an exhilarating "old times" musical with brand new music. Of course, we end up tapping feet in the same way, but it's great to do so to some new 1950s rock.

Ten years ago the South African songwriting team of David Kramer and Taliep Petersen set their first musical in Cape Town's District Six, an area levelled by the bosses

of apartheid for daring to show that different races could live together in energetic harmony. Their new musical returns there, telling the story of 16-year-old Kat Diamond and the group he founded back in 1957 and named Cavalla Kings, after a local cigarette.

Kat Diamond never existed, unlike Salie Daniels, who plays him in his later years. But at the age of 16, Daniels did form a rock band, and the story hops along a route similar to that of his Rockers 40 years ago — up and down, fast.

His presence in the show, where at the end he springs back on to the stage in a golden suit, gives the evening an extra zip. Still sufficiently snake-hipped to do a nifty bit of tap with his dapper younger self (Jody Abraham), he sings his numbers in a voice like dark velvet.

The five young singers are irresistibly good-hearted and sing beautifully, while a couple are engaging clowns. Loukmaan Adams is lead singer and Kim Louis, playing the sister of Ricardo Buchenroder's daffy Magoo, can certainly deliver a soul number with heart and passion, while Junaid Booyen's compulsive grin splits his cheeks. Kramer also directs, and has turned these six into a smoothly operating team, energetic, likeable and displaying split-second timing in the comedy.

Apartheid is a background presence, obliging the Kings to

be bellhops by day even if a celebrated group at night, and contributing to their eventual break-up, but the emphasis is on the liberation brought about by rock'n'roll, the spirit-sustaining delight of it.

Lyrics and routines are more explicit than they could ever have been in the 1950s, but the music echoes old styles without resorting to pastiche. As the rockers roll to and fro, to and fro, oh my Platters and my Drifters long ago...

JEREMY KINGSTON

## LONDON CONCERTS: Schumann played in historic style, and a touring Russian orchestra

## Periodic revelation

THE SECOND instalment of the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique's Schumann Revealed series at the Barbican had its revealing moments, but not every aspect of the first two concerts lived up to the series title. There is no doubt that attempting to recreate the orchestral forces and layout of the Leipzig Gewandhaus in the 1840s at once dispels the myth about Schumann's inability to orchestrate. The scores of, in particular, the symphonies are full of solicitous details that can be lost in accounts by large modern orchestras.

This time around it was the sound of the horns, usually in a combination of the natural and valved instruments as specified by the composer, that was most striking, and not just in the marvellous *Konzertstück* for four

horns and orchestra, though this was an undoubted tour de force for the quartet of soloists Roger Montgomery, Susan Dent, Gavin Edwards and Robert Maskell.

But not all the problems of this most elusive of early Romantic composers were automatically resolved. John Eliot Gardiner's *alla attacca* approach brought out to an unprecedented degree the extent to which Schumann's orchestral music was influenced by Beethoven, notably in the first movement of the Second Symphony and, still much less absorbed, in the incomplete *Zwickau Symphony* in G minor.

But he was not always able to find the natural voice for Schumann's rhetoric. This was especially marked in the Cello Concerto and the Introduction and Allegro for piano in which the soloists — Steven Isserlis and Robert Levin respectively — achieved a fluidity and degree of fantasy that were not matched by Gardiner.

TESS KNIGHTON

## Out of the steppes

MUSIC from the ex-Soviet republics is the focus of the Dimensions Festival that opened at the Festival Hall on Friday. The two-week event is admirably wide-ranging, designed to give a fuller picture of music-making across the former Soviet Union than is usually presented here — indeed so interesting that the opening concert by the Russian State Symphony Orchestra looked decidedly tame.

The orchestra was playing one of its standard programmes: Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol*, Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* and Kavel's orchestration of *Pictures at an Exhibition*. But the hard-working band, which spends much time now on foreign tours, sounded far from demoralised.

Here it was directed not by its music

director, Yevgeny Sverdanov, but by Arnold Katz. An old professional who built up the Novosibirsk Philharmonic, Katz knows how to get the best from an orchestra: the strings displayed their gleaming tone in the Rimsky, and brought yearning intensity to the short Scriabin *Réverie*.

Most of all, Katz achieved the remarkable in making *Pictures* sound newly interesting. Right from the start the grotesquerie of Mussorgsky's original piano pieces came across. Katz often adopted slow tempos, turning this into a performance of deep Russian melancholy.

The only disappointment was the lacklustre pianism of Mikhail Rudy in the Rachmaninov. He played with spiky accentuation rather than strong rhythm, making the faster episodes skittish and the slower ones unpoetic. In the 18th variation the orchestra provided all the emotion, but what is the point of the *Paganini Rhapsody* without a pianist capable of passion?

JOHN ALLISON

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# Beware of short-term bankers

The Barclays sale of BZW should worry us, says Anatole Kaletsky

Last Friday Martin Taylor, the highly regarded chief executive of Barclays Bank who is also an influential business adviser to Tony Blair, announced that he was breaking up Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the biggest City investment bank remaining in British ownership.

This is a far more important event in Britain's financial history than the collapse of Barings or the sale of SG Warburg to Swiss Bank Corporation last year. BZW was the last publicly owned investment bank still in British hands. And Barclays, with BZW under its wing, was the last British bank that seemed big enough to have any chance of competing with the great investment houses of Wall Street, or the German, Swiss and Dutch universal banks.

Two years ago I wrote a scathing article on this page about *The State We're In*, the bestselling book on Britain's economy and constitution written by my old friend Will Hutton. I attacked Hutton's book largely because it seemed clear to me back in 1995 that Britain was on the threshold of a long period of prosperity and would probably return to full employment. Hutton (and the millions of people convinced by his passionate argument) believed the exact opposite — that Britain was doomed to mass unemployment because its economy was crippled by low investment, a ruthless pursuit of short-term shareholder profits and a total indifference to the interests of other "stakeholders", such as workers, consumers and generations yet unborn.

What do the two paragraphs above have in common? For me, quite a lot. One of things that prompted my attack on Hutton's book was an article by Martin Taylor. While I had criticised Hutton's pessimistic view of Britain's macroeconomic prospects, Taylor skillfully took apart Hutton's argument that financial "short-termism" was at the root of all Britain's economic problems. It was an argument that influenced millions of readers, including Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. Reflecting on the events at Barclays, I now wonder whether Hutton might, after all, have been right.

I do not challenge Mr Taylor's financial logic in breaking up BZW. Neither do I accept for a moment that Hutton will be vindicated in his apocalyptic predictions of continuous mass unemployment and economic crises (unless the management of British monetary policy is transferred to Frankfurt).

What worries me about developments at Barclays is that a large British company has again proved incapable of managing the very type of business in which individual Britons have proved uniquely successful and upon which long-term prosperity depends.

The financial services sector goes the way of British power engineering, we will all feel the pinch.

gether and salaries are much higher than the national average, as well as more rapidly growing. As the European economy becomes more integrated, finance will play an even bigger role as we specialise in the fields where we enjoy a comparative advantage.

Yet, despite the abilities of British financiers, as manifested by their astronomical earnings and the ceaseless flow of international capital into London, British managers have proved unable to run these businesses as successfully as foreign firms.

One has to think only of the debacles at Lloyd's and Barings, the sales of Morgan Grenfell, Kleinwort Benson and Warburgs, the retreat of Britain's general insurance companies in the face of German, Swiss and French competition, and the failure of British clearing banks to establish themselves in America or Europe.

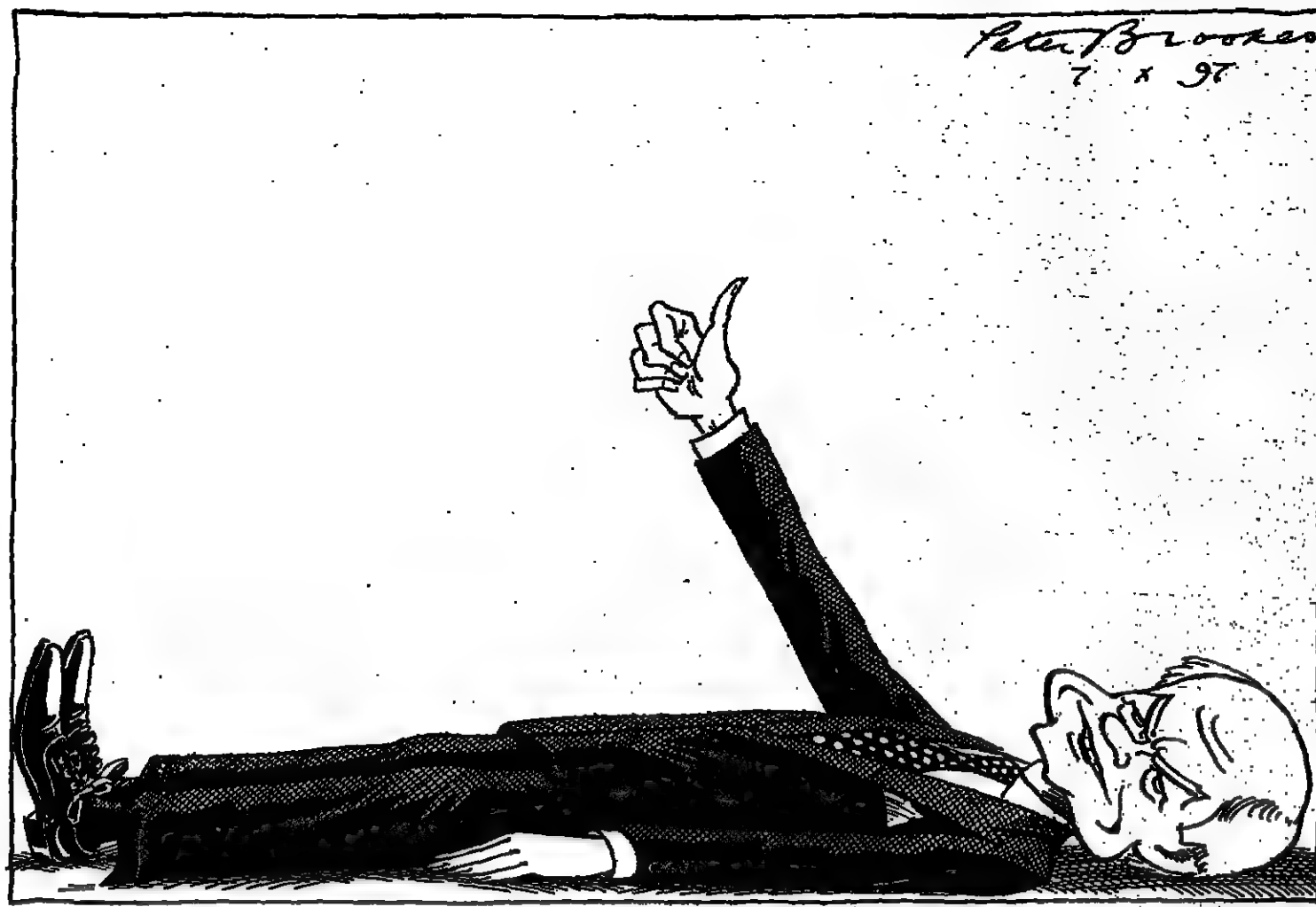
This is where Hutton's argument about short-termism comes in. Taylor gave three main reasons last week for pulling out of investment banking. First, the business was making a return on capital of only about 8 per cent, which was far lower than the 34 per cent Barclays made in retail banking. Secondly, the costs of investment banking were rising at a staggering rate — many salaries increased last year by 30 or 40 per cent. Finally, Barclays decided that major new investment would be required to push BZW into the front rank of global investment banks and keep it there.

If investment bankers can secure ridiculously high salaries in a competitive job market, does this not itself indicate the short-termism which has become endemic in the City? Bankers demand exorbitant pay because they know they can be fired at any moment. Many would be happy to accept lower pay in exchange for better working conditions and more secure employment — and this was, in fact, how British banks used to be able to keep their costs down in relation to American rivals.

In the City today, however, bankers will not accept promises of security in exchange for lower pay, since they know that the promises may not be honoured. As Hutton argues in his new book *The State We're In*, one of the biggest costs of running an economy solely for short-term profits is a breakdown in the "ethic of trust".

Finally, what of the conflict between long-term strategies and short-term shareholder profits? Profitable British companies have, over the years, lost positions of global dominance in industries from power engineering and electronics to insurance, while less profitable European and Japanese companies have gained market share. If British banking goes the way of British power engineering, we will all feel the pinch.

The British are fine financiers but poor managers



"WE'RE OFF OUR KNEES AND BACK IN BUSINESS..."  
WILLIAM HAGUE

## Not the whole Diana

We all stray on the way to maturity — so why fossilise the Princess's worst year?

What do I think about the Diana tapes affair? The same as you, probably: tasteless, untimely, callous, treacherous. Even the most strenuous attempts at empathy fail to solve the riddle of how Mr Andrew Morton can bear to wake up every morning in the same bed as himself.

This newspaper's own status as the first bringer of the bad news — that the confidence was broken and the damn book coming out — made a few of us gasp last week. But a book is a solid object, a fact is a fact, and somebody had to be first to announce it. It is even — just — possible to make a case for Morton's deciding to reveal to history the full extent of her co-operation. What turns the stomach is that in 1997 he should publish verbatim transcripts of tapes sent out, in trustful desperation, from Kensington Palace in 1991. Now that the dam has broken, scraps of that despair are quoted everywhere.

Don't worry, not here. All I want, after a week of queasiness, is to pin down just why it feels not only cruel to the living but unfair to the dead. It was summed up by one of her charity colleagues: "Look, all that bad stuff was over. She'd grown up. This man is trying to fossilise the very worst year of her life." Credible friends of the Princess all say that in the past few years she had moved away from anger, fear and obsession, and even ceased resenting Mrs Parker Bowles. This kind of progress is not unfamiliar to those who have suffered divorce.

Rosa Monckton, a long-standing friend, says that Diana regretted her *Panorama* broadcast, which was the final expression of the emotions fuelling Morton's book. There was a genuine change going on: she had consolidated the best part of her work, stepped down her anxious manipulation of media and the rumour machine, broken with cronies of her most frenzied period, formed new affections and even symbolically sold the clothes in which her glitziest and grimmest years were spent.

She had moved on. The tearful, lonely, trapped woman who briefly and crazily used Morton was no more. She refused to have anything to do with his second book (in return for which withdrawal Mr Morton, it should be recorded, has written jeeringly about her since — a fortnight before her death calling her "a

fruit" who talked less sense than her husband's vegetables, and predicting that Dodi Fayed would soon "swap her for a pack of 20 Camels"). Since he is in favour of repeating people's old indiscretions, it seems right to mention that. But for anybody to package up and sell her words of long ago, words she regretted, is a distortion of memory. No author has a right to parley their own small bit of knowledge into a grotesque caricature.

Everybody moves on. From St Augustine to Siles Marner, from Ebenezer Scrooge to Shirley Temple, half the story of human beings is a tale of habits discarded, minds changed, voices tamed and lives reformed. As surely as some people start out good and get corrupted, so can others go through bad phases and be redeemed.

Unfortunately, you only have to run an eye along any shelf of videos or novels to notice that corruption and decline is more fashionable than improvement and redemption. I think it was Greer Garson who said, apropos the film industry of her time, that art was a tiling mirror to life; you can either angle it slightly upward to reflect more of the higher virtues of humanity, or slightly downward to reflect the worst. She favoured, perhaps, an exaggerated upward tilt. It is easy to make fun of all those plucky little women and lantern-jawed heroes and noble renunciations. On the other hand, these days both fictional and factual media prefer to give the mirror a good cloud until it points crazily downward to reflect as much sulphur, bromine and stink as possible.

Something demonic in us balks at the ordinary, the orderly and kindly and mature, and hungers for drama, violence, rage, meanness and silliness. We praise ourselves for facing "reality", while whole swaths of reality about people and their deeds go unreflected. To quote the poet John Whitworth:

The Crocodile has vicious habits  
But I would rather watch him in  
the zoo than the rabbits  
Oh yes, the wicked are better than  
the meek any day  
As long as they are behind bars, or  
dead or far away.

And if the wicked are more fun than the meek, and pratfalls better entertainment than steady endeavour, it follows that most people's youth is going to be more amusing to onlookers than their maturity. The injustice of fixing Diana for ever in 1991 can be most easily appreciated by anybody in middle age who dares to look back at the rambling, obsessive self-indulgent poems and letters they wrote in the grip of thwarted first love. Just because Diana did not reach middle age is no reason to

deny her the progress she had made; all the more reason to be kind, and assume that her full maturity would have been even better.

But we love to fossilise people. The extreme is Myra Hindley, fixed for ever in one sinister police photograph now aggravated by the ghoulish conceits of modern art. But at least she committed a crime for most victims of popular fossilisation, their only crime is simply to have been, once upon a time, younger.

The list is endless: apart from all the actors cringing at their early films, and the grave and reverend signifiers on pages such as this who may be ambushed at any time by something embarrassing they wrote in the school magazine, think of people like Clare Francis: fifteen years a blockbusting popular novelist in couture jacks, yet she is still typecast as a sea-dog in oilskins. The Speaker of the House of Commons must often wish she had never been a Tiller Girl.

John Profumo worked ably for decades to wipe out the main association of his name, but never quite did. Shirley Temple Black managed ambassadorial credibility

but still tows the *Good Ship Lollipop* around her like a dead weight. Unauthorised biographers lie in wait for even the most masterful: one of them left Germaine Greer helplessly frothing with rage only last week.

Some actors manage to eclipse their old images. Bimbo starlets hide in chilly, ladylike Merchant-Ivory costumes; Joanna "sophisticated" Lumley went the opposite way to become the comic figure of Patsy Stone. But some never get rid of a role. Once a Pythian, forever a Pythian: and it is all very well for Andrew Sachs to be a serious actor but it won't stop people going *Qué* at him in public places.

Politicians try to bury their earlier persona as "red-hot rebels" by swathing themselves in layers of pinstripe suits and gravitas, but still fall foul of old comrades' memories of the days when they definitely did bubble. One of the worst temptations of being a journalist in your forties is that the irresponsible idiots of your youth keep burning up in the Cabinet, running national newspapers and enormous industries and generally posing as moral guides to the nation. It is very hard to take them seriously, any more than it was easy to contemplate the Pope's weaving a sermon around Bob Dylan's lyrics. But then, there are probably schoolfriends of the Pope who still struggle to take him seriously.

But we must accept the burning kaleidoscope of change and growth, we really must. The present is as valid as the past and no human life should be defined by its lowest ebb. To do so is unkind and inaccurate. It is also, oddly, rather boring. We know all the sad, furious Diana stuff already. One of these years, when somebody writes a proper biography, it will sparkle because it will be complete. A real life, a whole life, taken for all in all. Starting at one flat, facet of that life is a poor, dull memorial. In the week she died a friend gave me a copy of a stunningly obscure poem by the Edwardian, Victor Plarr, *Epitaphium Citharistiae*. It was the last lines which struck her:

Oh, for it would be a pity  
To praise her or to flout her;  
She was wild, and sweet, and witty  
Let's not say dull things about her.

## A dance to the tune of Yoof?

Michael Gove has advice for Tories who feel their age

At different points in the Conservative Party's decline, its soul has been bared more effectively by the television dramatist than by any journalist. Margaret Thatcher's fall coincided with the BBC adaptation of Michael Dobbs's *House of Cards*, and the former Saatchi executive's story of a Tory leadership contest captured the malice, ambition and treachery of Conservative politicians with a pitiless accuracy. The coincidence was entirely accidental. The poetic appropriateness of the juxtaposition would, however, have delighted another, far greater, writer. Anthony Powell's novel sequence *A Dance to the Music of Time* has taken more than 25 years to make it to the small screen. It describes upper-class England from the 1930s to the 1970s. But, in its precise, delicious anatomy of snobbery, decadence and the corrupting capacity of the will to power, it is a darkly perfect complement to the Conservative Party conference.

Powell's novel sequence has its innocents and idealists, and gives off the gamey whiff of a pleasure-soaked past. The most lasting impression is, however, of its anti-hero Kenneth Widmerpool: his spirit can be detected stalking the Winter Gardens this week. Widmerpool is a compelling grotesque. Deceptively easy to ridicule, he is sustained by driving ambition and an ear permanently coated for the rumble of the passing bandwagon. His lust for power and willingness to follow fashion, however clumsily, takes him from Eton into the heart of the Atlee Government and makes him an adornment of the Establishment, before his modishness ultimately destroys him.

A politician without ambition is like a gigolo without charm: whatever his other gifts, he will never make the most of himself. A dispirited party with a great deal to do before power returns would benefit from more of Widmerpool's drive and capacity to absorb reverses. There is a passivity among many Conservatives here in Blackpool, a faith in Fate rather than the Will, which can only make recovery more difficult.

But if the burning ambition exhibited by too few Conservatives here should be more widely shared, the modishness indulged in by others should be shunned. The most egregious example of a Tory surrender to fashion comes in a new pamphlet from the Centre for Policy Studies, *Blue Skies Ahead* — Recognising the Missing Generation. It is the work of four youthful Conservatives, exercised by the Tories' inability to be more trendy. The authors, three communications consultants and the marketing director of the "Ministry of Sound" nightclub empire, blame the parlous state of the party on a failure in "branding". They trace the Tory decline to John Major's rhetorical invocation of the 1950s, a decade they dismiss as "not thought groovy". After the greatest Conservative electoral humiliation since 1832, they reflect on the party's greatest mistake — "the Conservatives have actively promoted themselves as a party of warm beer and cricket in an age when today's icons favour Diet Coke and Rollerblading".

Disraeli once suggested, tongue as ever in cheek, that Gladstone was borne out of office on a tidal wave of beer. Now poor old John Major is apparently thrown out of office because his taste in drink was naïf. The Tories are held to have forfeited the respect of the young, the nation's natural arbiters of acceptability, by playing Dixie music at rallies and embracing a policy on Europe inimical to "international idealists".

One does not need to be a nonagenarian Old Etonian like Anthony Powell to find this clumsy genuflection to Yoof hideously politically misjudged. As a thirty-something Young Aberdonian, I found the pamphlet's lumbering attempts to chill the Tories out embarrassing and — if taken as seriously as other CPS pamphlets deserve to be — potentially harmful to the Tory cause.

Putting aside the authors' failure to recognise that their pro-Europeanism is as dated as Dixie music, any attempt to impress the young by aping their manners will only bring deserved derision. In their anxiety to put past failures behind them, the Shadow Cabinet should not try to become the oldest swingers in town. The Tories' problems in the past have been due far more to a superficial conversion to modish metropolitan fashions, whether for the monetary discipline of the ERM or the management gobbledygook of the Citizen's Charter, than an adherence to durable principle. Past attempts to paint leaders as in tune with Yoof, most notably the attempt in the 1960s to depict Edward Heath as a modern man in his swinging bachelor apartment in Albany, have always offended traditionalists without fooling the fashionable.

In yesterday's *Times* interview, William Hague showed himself sensitive to the folly of following Labour by taking one's lead from focus groups and bending with the wind. Mr Hague, like most young people of his generation, knows that the politicians who win the respect of every generation are those, like Margaret Thatcher, who refuse to dance to the music of time, but stay true to enduring principle.

## No show

IN a further blow to William Hague's pride, even his old business friends are eschewing the Tory conference. After my disclosure that Michael Heseltine was steering clear — fearing that he would be "a ghost at the feast" — Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry and an old chum of Wee Willie's from their days in management consultancy, has also pleaded "pressing business".

Initially, Mr Turner, who attended both the Labour and TUC conferences, said he could not come because of unavoidable "long-term" commitments in New

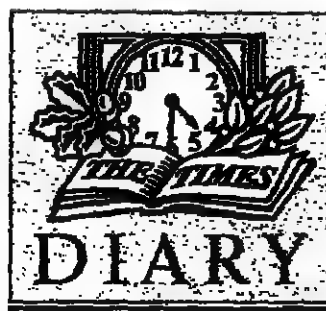
York. Now he has cancelled those plans — not to support his old friend, but to pop over to Brussels to meet Euro-business bods.

"This really should not be interpreted as a snub," ventures the CBI. "It is just a timing thing." But won't this add to Willie's paranoia? "Oh, old friends that they are. I doubt he will feel rejected."

Perhaps, but it strengthens suggestions that the CBI has given up on the Tories. Despite an embarrassing early interlude with the Young Conservatives, Mr Turner is believed to have grown exasperated by the last Government's isolationist stance on Europe. I just hope Mr Hague does not feel too isolated up in Blackpool this week.

### Chain reaction

EVIDENCE of the continued influence of Camilla Parker Bowles: the Prince of Wales's first female press attaché, Sandy Henney, is itching to leave her office after a catfight with Ms PB. Relations deteriorated



after the Prince's friend objected to a gold chain hanging around Ms Henney's ankle, and sent a stiff missive telling her it was "inappropriate". The flunkie was unimpressed. "Sandy has always liked her gold ankle chains and was known as the golden girl at the MoD," says a former colleague. "She thought it impertinent."

The daughter of a Smithfield porter, Ms H started as a Scotland Yard clerk, drifting into Court life when she married Bob Marsh, former head of the Royal Protection Squad. No one to take any nonsense, she is determined to leave — a year after joining.

### Breakout

A WILD night out with Ann Widmerpool may seem like a rather macabre prospect, but 100 guests enjoyed a raucous thrash

with the former Prisons Minister over the weekend when she celebrated her 50th birthday.

Sadly absent was Michael Howard, the nocturnal former Home Secretary, whose Tory leadership chances she destroyed. "I had asked my priest whether I should invite Michael as a gesture of peace," says Miss Widmerpool, "but he told me Howard would probably say 'peace off'." There were no such problems for Derek Lewis, former head of prisons, who took pride of place on the top table with Cardinal Hume.

John and Norma Major failed to attend. They celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary in a quiet hotel. No doubt with just a few goldfish for company.

Chris Eubank may be a fading boxer, but he can still put on a show. He surprised Brightonians the other day by ranting into a mobile phone — only for the same phone to burst into a shrill ring.

### Duty calls

A CONSERVATIVE MP is in trouble with her constituency association for failing to visit her patch. Anne McIntosh was hailed before her Vale of York ascension as the weekend to explain absences from Saturday surgeries. The problem? McIntosh is also an MEP and, as

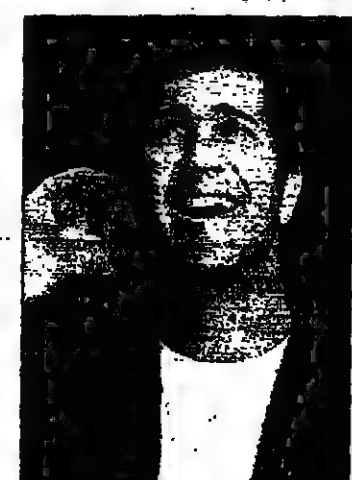
such, has to do an awful lot of fact-finding in Brussels. But this does not impress Yorkshire worthies. "She has to try to balance her duties," says a sombre association chairman, Geoffrey Dodsworth. "It is important for her to select her priorities. We have got to work together."

This is not the first time McIntosh has sparked controversy. She has had a fierce debate with Glyn Ford, a Labour Euro MP, who maintains that McIntosh was "disingenuous" for saying it is possible to be an MP and an MEP simultaneously. He says Labour has "banned the practice, as it is impossible to do the two jobs adequately." Looks as if Miss McIntosh could be working late tonight...

SURREAL sight on the Tube: Dr Robert Runcie, former Archbishop of Canterbury, in full regalia, reading a newspaper.

### Snowe fall

MAD MAX is about to blast into the English countryside. He is keen to acquire the beautiful house of my old friend Ian Sproul. The former Heritage Minister, now translating 10 volumes of Pushkin, is reluctantly putting historic Snowe Hall, Norfolk, on the market. And Mel Gibson, the antipodean actor, is determined to buy it.



Country acres: Mel Gibson

Locals are alarmed that the pile — which once sheltered Charles I — might fall Gibson's way. For a man who has made his loot from uncomplicated action movies, Gibson, I am assured, has developed a spiritual side. He has become a regular at the local Roman Catholic church, where he can be found kneeling at the altar. The £600,000 price is probably just a few gun fights in a flick for Mr Gibson, but the local party scene is not quite Bel Air. His only neighbour is the rather homely Gillian Shepherd.

JASPER GERARD



"He's right, a party that elects him needs reforming"





## MOODY BLUES

Tory attitudes must change to create a mass membership party

In the era of the soundbite and the spin-doctor it is not surprising that so many consider the mass membership of political parties an irrelevance, a body of persons of no real importance with the possible exception of short-term finance. That assumption would be sorely mistaken. Television and new technology may have altered the means by which political ideas and attitudes are expressed, but they remain mere tools of the trade. The fundamental character of parties is shaped by those who choose to belong to them — especially those who are most actively involved. An annual conference allows, in fact obliges, these distinctive features to be presented to the outside world.

Tony Blair has certainly appreciated those qualities. The rapid expansion of Labour's membership — and the deliberate drive for diversity which that enterprise entailed — has been at the heart of his modernisation prospects. The notion of new Labour would have been impossible on the basis of the original 260,000 enrolled supporters that he inherited. It was the massive increase in members that allowed him to redesign his party anew. That same changing composition was also an essential if underestimated aspect in the sudden expansion of Labour's female parliamentary representation at the last election.

The representatives assembled in Blackpool this week are doubtless a fine set of individuals. But they personify a membership that has diminished dramatically in recent years. As a consequence, the Conservative Party in the country has become less representative of British society. That fact has been recognised by William Hague. His stated aspiration of "a million members for the millennium" might owe as much to aliteration as expectation but it is an appropriate target. The Tories' chances of a relatively swift electoral revival depend critically on whether they can meet this testing challenge.

That in turn will require a revolution in attitudes. As the Conservative Party crum-

bled and collapsed it became increasingly out of touch and out of tune with the nation around it. A party that presided over vast economic change appeared incapable of understanding the social forces that have shaped contemporary Britain. The Tories have become profoundly unattractive to large sections of the electorate. These include women, especially younger, professional women, and ethnic or sexual minorities. The social spectrum reflected by the Conservative Party at present is starkly incompatible with the aim of one million members.

The Tories are too often dominated by their "Taleban Tendency", the section that would force women out of the workplace, impose their version of traditional values, enforce censorship on television and deploy the death penalty on a daily basis. This programme is often described as "populist", although it seems to suffer from a notable absence of popularity. That failure is not the result of poor presentation but a cultural shift about which many Conservatives have chosen to remain ignorant. If the Tories are really serious about mass membership, as they should be, then they will need to stand for the neo-liberal not the neolithic. Mr Blair revived his party by insisting that it reached an accommodation with the 1980s. It is time for the Tories to sue for peace with the 1960s.

Mr Hague is well aware of his party's defects. He is hardly a stranger to the modern world. His willingness to send a message to the Gay Pride march and his attendance at the Notting Hill Carnival were intended to indicate some of his sympathies. The reaction of certain Shadow Cabinet colleagues was less than supportive. On this, as on numerous other issues, he will have to defeat the old guard in the best interests of his party's future. That his hotel arrangements with his fiancée have become a matter of critical comment in Conservative circles is a reflection of the difficulties he faces. A rather more relevant issue — and one that must be addressed — is why there are not more 29-year-old professional women resident in Blackpool hotels this week.

## FAST FORWARD

Reno must treat Clinton with the same rigour as Gore

No American political scandal is ever complete without tapes. A quarter-century ago, the discovery that the Nixon White House had recorded Oval Office conversations transformed the Watergate affair. In an apt response to technological progress, the Clinton Administration has now acknowledged that videotapes exist of its infamous "coffee mornings". These tapes will help the Senate to determine whether these events were — as the President has suggested — amiable conversations that by coincidence led to major campaign contributions; or, alternatively, whether the dozens of meetings hosted by Mr Clinton constituted an illegal effort to exploit the White House for partisan financial advantage.

Neither congressional committees nor the various Justice Department inquiries into this affair can be expected to reach any immediate conclusions. Matters are not likely to evolve as they did in the 1970s. To some degree all occupants of the Oval Office have sought to use their official residence in a manner conducive to their private interests. Soliciting on site offends American law but it is not the equivalent of bugging and burglary. Nonetheless, both the Clinton-Gore '96 campaign and the Democratic National Committee appear to have ignored all previously accepted practice. That a law might be regarded as archaic and unworkable is not a reason for breaching it. This is an entirely legitimate political issue.

Despite the mounting evidence of serious misconduct, Janet Reno, US Attorney-General, has stubbornly refused to pursue these accusations fully. Vice-President Al Gore, who has admitted making telephone calls to potential supporters from his office but maintains that he acted lawfully, has been placed under preliminary investigation. Within three months he will learn

whether an independent counsel will be appointed to scrutinise his role. If, as seems probable, such a person is commissioned this will represent a serious setback to his ambitions to succeed Mr Clinton. Ms Reno's recent correspondence with the congressional leadership indicates that she will not subject the President to the same scrutiny. Republicans have reacted with fury.

It is extremely difficult to believe that Mr Gore is the sole senior figure in the Democratic Party whose conduct might merit censure. The written testimony of former White House aides such as Harold Ickes and Dick Morris portray a President desperate to raise vast sums to finance exceptionally early television commercials. Those records already released by the White House show that party operatives constantly pressed Mr Clinton to plead for political donations and that he relied on numerous occasions. The appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the entire pattern of Democratic fundraising is more than merited by the facts already known. Ms Reno is risking her previous reputation for impartiality by her reluctance to hire one.

Congress is entitled to demand such an initiative from the Attorney-General. Others are equally entitled to demand action from the legislature itself. The complicated system by which the United States regulates the interaction of money and politics has been in a state of disrepair for some decades. The Democrats' simply administered the final blow to this discredited formula last year. The Senate will this week have the opportunity to deliberate and then enact substantial campaign finance reform. Mr Clinton's critics have the opportunity to attack both the cause and effect of these scandals. They should demonstrate their willingness to do so.

## SKIN DEEP

A moral foundation versus foundation cream

Ever since Paris awarded the golden apple to Aphrodite, women have quibbled about the nature of their beauty. And more often than not trouble has come of it. Different cultures have set different paradigms of pulchritude — from the svelter outlines of Cranach's Venus to the buxom sensuality of a Rubens belle. But whatever particular form the fashion of beauty has taken, it has tended to tyrannise the female psyche. "Taught from infancy that beauty is a woman's sceptre," wrote the pioneering feminist Mary Wollstonecraft, "the mind shapes itself to the body, and roaming round its gilt cage only seeks to adorn its prison."

Women have gained considerable freedom in the 200 years since Wollstonecraft. But a study published in America this week confirms that, in certain aspects at least, too little has changed. If anything, female preoccupation with appearance has been whipped up by mass media. Contemporary women, suggests the historian Joan Jacobs Brumberg in her *The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls*, are crippled by an obsession with their bodies. Brumberg compares the new year's resolutions of two adolescent diarists. Where the 19th-century girl resolves to think

before speaking, to work seriously and to be less selfish, her 20th-century counterpart vows to lose weight, cut her hair and buy more make-up. A good body rather than a good character has come to define the self.

A century ago, Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* were role models for the American girl. Meg was pretty, Amy was vain, but the heroine was Jo, the tomboy who sometimes envied her sisters' good looks. But beauty corrupts. Literature is scattered with admonitory examples of this. Charles Dickens's *Little Dorrit* was "not beautiful in feature" but she had an inexhaustible capacity to care for others. Jane Eyre may have been "plain", but she was possessed of a fortitude and honesty which won her fulfilment. Jane Austen's pretty Fanny Dashwood is selfish and uncompassionate. Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca was exquisite, but she was also cold and cruel.

Such literary figures provide ample counterweight to today's shallow narcissism. Keats was not writing about aesthetics when he said that truth was beauty. And beauty, it has always been known, is only skin deep. As every adolescent knows, this does not mean that she should go out and invest in a foundation cream.

## Psychiatrists face dilemma on DNA

From Dr M. S. Humphreys and Dr B. J. Brockman

Sir, The Criminal Evidence (Amendment) Act 1997, which came into force last March, gives new powers to the police to obtain non-invasive material for DNA profiling. Such material will be in the form of hair or saliva samples from persons who have committed certain recordable offences.

The provision applies to those convicted before April 10, 1995, who are serving a prison sentence. It also extends to mentally disordered individuals detained under Part III of the Mental Health Act 1983, including not only those admitted to hospital by order of the court after conviction but also persons acquitted of an offence on the grounds of insanity or found unfit to plead as a result of psychiatric illness.

Home Office circular 27/1997 makes it clear that the patient's doctor may delay the taking of samples if this might be counter-therapeutic. However, the Act states that it may be done without the patient's consent. The power lapses when the patient is discharged from hospital.

This situation poses huge ethical and practical dilemmas for psychiatrists. It lies in the face of the notion that those who receive a psychiatric disposal from court are no longer considered to be prisoners. It implies that they are not patients who merit compassionate treatment, and it is likely to compromise a therapeutic relationship which may already have been difficult to establish.

The law lumps together those of sound mind convicted of serious offences with a small but no less significant group of individuals who, through no fault of their own, may not even have been fit to appear in court. Others, albeit on technical grounds, may actually have been acquitted.

This matter should be of concern not simply to mental healthcare professionals working with some of the most damaged and rejected individuals in society but surely to the community at large. It goes to the heart of the issue over how we treat those disadvantaged by the stigma of mental illness.

Yours etc,  
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October 1.

## Young and homeless

From the Chief Executive of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux

Sir, October 7 marks the first anniversary of benefit cuts which dealt a cruel blow to thousands of vulnerable young people. A year ago, housing benefit paid to under-25s on low incomes — both in and out of work — was restricted to the average cost of a room in shared accommodation.

Since then, Citizens Advice Bureaux all over the country have been inundated with cases of young people who are now homeless, threatened with eviction, or experiencing severe hardship as a direct result of these cuts.

In many areas single young people, most of them dependent on the private rented sector, now find it impossible to get affordable accommodation to rent. Others have been forced out of existing tenancies because the help they were getting towards their rent has been slashed. Landlords are telling many more looking for a home that they no longer let to anyone under the age of 25.

Last week in Brighton the Prime Minister talked about compassion with a hard edge (report, October 7). Even if the Government is unmoved by the plight of the young people seeking help from us — and I don't believe it is — it must be disturbed by the threat posed to the success of its welfare-to-work programme. Homelessness is one of the biggest obstacles of all to moving successfully from unemployment into paid work.

The Government has promised a new deal for disadvantaged young people. It could not make a better start in fulfilling that promise than to reverse this cruellest of cuts.

Yours etc,  
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October 6.

## Green and healthy

From the Headmaster of Wycliffe College

Sir, Russell Jenkins tells us (report, October 2) that early photographs show vegetarians as corpulent.

Until the 1980s Wycliffe College had a boys' vegetarian house. Charts indicating that vegetarian swimmers and athletes performed better are still framed on the college walls. Regrettably, today, scholarships available to vegetarians remain unclaimed.

Piscivorously yours,  
DAVID PRICHARD,  
Headmaster, Wycliffe College,  
Stonehouse, Gloucestershire,  
October 2.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Marriage vows for today: to love and honour, not 'obey'

From the Reverend John R. M. Cook

Sir, It was Montgomery who once told Sandhurst cadets that it was unwise to marry until they had mastered the art of warfare. The Apostle Paul would not have agreed for he reminds us that it is unwise for a man to marry until his attitude is one of self-sacrifice.

Although some did and continue to think of woman as subordinate to man (report, "Brides will not obey in new church service", October 3) creation and the actions and words of Jesus do not allow such a conclusion. It would help if the liturgical commission would remember God loves diversity, and equality of worth does not demand sameness of role. Indeed, Ephesians v. 21-33, reminds us that in Christian marriage, undergirded by mutual submission, wives are to be like the Church and obey, and husbands to be like Christ and lay down their lives for their wife.

Arguably the husband has the more exacting duty. "Obey", "submit" and "sacrifice" are incendiary words in Britain today, but the *Zeitgeist* should not cause historic Anglicanism's liturgy to lose its biblical moorings.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN R. M. COOK  
(Director of Training),  
All Souls Church,  
Langham Place, W1,  
October 3.

From Canon Michael Saward

Sir, In over 40 years of conducting hundreds of marriage services according to Church of England rites, first from the Book of Common Prayer and more recently from the Alternative Service Book, I have only twice had adamant refusals from brides to use the word "obey". This was because I have always made a point of explaining that the services have a comple-

mentary balance between Christ, the bridegroom, and the Church, the bride. This is, of course, a crucial sacramental link set out in the New Testament and in the marriage service. The husband's role is one of total self-giving and the wife's one of total response.

In the ancient world the idea that a husband was required to "love" his wife was a radical departure introduced by Christians and far more shocking than the idea that a wife should "obey". Virtually every couple to whom I have explained this have gladly accepted the complementarity, asking only that I should briefly spell this out to the congregation before the vows were taken.

In no way have I perpetuated the idea of wifely "obedience" as being distinct from the sacrificial love required of the husband. The liturgical commission needs to leave "obey" as at least an optional possibility in future marriage liturgies.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL SAWARD  
(Canon Treasurer of  
St Paul's Cathedral),  
6 Amen Court, EC4,  
October 3.

From the Reverend Canon Bertie Webb

Sir, It was a surprise that a bishop, chairman of the liturgical commission, should be reported as reiterating the frequently repeated error that in the 1662 Prayer Book service the bride is "given away". The phrase is given "to be married". The *Times* mostly reports marriages in this style using the phrase "given in marriage".

Yours faithfully,  
BERTIE WEBB,  
2 Dolphin Close, St John's, Worcester,  
October 3.

From Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain

Sir, The inclusive thinking affecting Church of England marriage services has permeated Jewish weddings too. And rightly so.

Moreover, the changes have not just been in official revisions to the wording of the text, but also innovations suggested by the couples themselves, such as having both a best man and a best woman.

As for the custom of the groom smashing a glass underfoot at the end of the wedding — a sign that amidst all our joys we should not forget those who live and are broken and in pain, but often waggishly interpreted as the last time a man can put his foot down — I was delighted when a bride decided that she too should stamp on a glass.

Yours faithfully,  
JONATHAN ROMAIN,  
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9 Boy's Hill Avenue,  
Maidenhead, Berkshire,  
October 3.

From Mr Ronald V. Wells

Sir, Discussion as to whether a bride should say "obey" reminds me of my own wedding on August 19, 1939.

In the prayer book service that was coming into use the bride could choose whether to say "obey" or not. I said to my bride: "I will not have you promise anything so absurd." She replied: "Very well dear, if you say so, I won't."

Sadly, she died on June 16 this year. We were still as deeply in love as we were on the day we married.

Yours faithfully,  
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Bedsington, Hampshire,  
October 3.

## Morton and Red Cross

From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC

Sir, The sounds of the gnashing of teeth and the beating of breasts over events surrounding the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, appear, at least temporarily, to have drowned out the anguished cries of landmine victims and the suffering everywhere who number amongst the needy and deserving "constituents" of the Red Cross.

If the Red Cross is genuinely hesitating over accepting a substantial donation from Mr Andrew Morton and his publisher (report, October 6) its senior executives must be suffering from a confused sense of duty and morality. The role of the Red Cross, while remaining neutral, is to negotiate between warring factions and protect and assist the victims of armed conflict. It needs all the money it can get.

Anyone who has been involved in organising events to raise money for charitable causes knows just how difficult it can be to raise even a few hundred pounds for a good cause. As far as is known Mr Morton has committed no crime but is charged with bad taste and poor timing.

If those responsible for fundraising on behalf of the Red Cross are prepared to turn down a reported offer of £250,000 in these circumstances they should be removed from office forthwith and made to stand outside a supermarket with a collection tin for all eternity or until they have collected a similar amount, whichever is the sooner.

Yours faithfully,  
RONALD THWAITES,  
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October 6.

retary-General and of the executive heads of the UN organisations, while those designed to improve senior management appear to be excessively top-heavy, in keeping with UN tradition and practice.

Evidently, something must be done to end the persistent state of near-bankruptcy in which the UN organisation has been living for too long. Various forms of international taxation have been mooted that would give the UN independent resources. Or is the UN to rely on the philanthropic whims of billionaires, well-meaning as they might be?

It is now absurd that decisions on reform are being forced through by the greatest debtor member state.

Yours constructively,  
D. JOHN SHAW  
(Head, Policy Affairs Service, UN World Food Programme, 1990-94),  
112 Kenwood Drive,  
Beckenham, Kent,  
September 24.

## Palliative care

From Professor Michael Rosen

Sir, You report (September 26) that Sir Ludovic Kennedy, at the Liberal Democrats Conference, spoke in support of a successful motion urging the Government to establish a review of the law on helping terminally ill patients to die. He complained that what modern medicine "has not done for many of the dying is improve their quality of life".

That may be partly true but the goal of palliative care is the "achievement of the best quality of life for patients and their family" (World Health Organisation). This new speciality (recognised by the NHS in 1987), in association with general practice, is developing fast, providing many inpatient and home facilities for those with difficult symptoms, and undergraduate and postgraduate education as well as research.

It is not a change in the law that is required. Education is the key to successful palliative care for all, together with better targeting of resources.

Yours sincerely,  
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(President, Royal College of Anaesthetists, 1988-1991),  
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## Hunting ban

From Professor Patrick Bateson, FRS

Sir, Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison states in his letter (October 2) that many scientists disagree with my conclusions about red deer hunted with hounds. A great many others disagree with their disagreements.

Such divisions of opinion are inevitable when powerful vested interests are threatened by scientific data. I am not, therefore, surprised by the support drummed up by the Countryside Alliance. However, no evidence has been produced that contradicts the findings in my report to the National Trust, which has reaffirmed its ban on hunting (report, October 3).

The critics suggest that the results could be due to poor methodology. If they are right, clear-cut results would not have been obtained. The strength of the findings is powerful testimony that hunting with hounds causes very severe psychological and physiological stress to red deer.

The attempts by the Countryside Alliance to discredit the work carried out by my research associate, Dr Bradshaw, and myself will doubtless ensure that this dispute will rumble on for some time to come. However, I must clear up one statement in Mr Hanbury-Tenison's letter. He claims that I am being secretive about the data. Over the summer I have given four scientific seminars, including one for a symposium organised on behalf of the Countryside Alliance by Lord Soulsby. Dr Bradshaw has given another four. I have offered publicly to go over the data with any serious critic, and a number have availed themselves of the opportunity.

Most important of all, the major findings have been written up and submitted to a leading scientific journal. The paper was reviewed by anonymous referees and has been accepted for publication in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society*.

Yours faithfully,  
PATRICK BATESON,  
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## World wide web

From Mr Hamish Carmichael

Sir, Every morning the paths in our garden are newly bedecked by orb-spun cobwebs of unprecedented magnificence, each with a large resident spider. I cannot remember another autumn like it. Friends have made similar comments. What does it mean?

Yours faithfully,  
J. W. S. CARMICHAEL,  
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Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey,  
October 4.

## Not at home

From Mr Trevor Davies

Sir, I recently had the bizarre experience of being rung up by an answering machine. It told me in regretful tones that it was not in, but I could leave a message which would be dealt with between nine and five the next day.

I apologised for being in when the caller was out.

Yours sincerely,  
TREVOR DAVIES,  
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Long Hanborough, Oxford,  
September 28.







## OBITUARIES

## OTTO ERNST REMER

Otto Ernst Remer, former Nazi security chief, died in Spain on October 5 aged 85. He was born in 1912.

Although Otto Ernst Remer was to emerge as the Nazi "hero" who played a leading role in the suppression of the 1944 plot to overthrow Hitler — and in the postwar period became a living symbol of loyalty to Nazism — a close examination of his conduct on July 20, 1944, reveals that he was at first quite unsure of what to do when news of the attempt on Hitler's life reached Berlin.

Major Remer was commander of the vitally important *Wachbataillon Grossdeutschland*, stationed at Döberitz, just outside the city, when at 4pm on the day of the plot he was ordered by the Berlin Commandant, General von Hase, one of the conspirators, to place his troops on a state of immediate alert and prepare to seize the government quarter, Claus von Stauffenberg, the leader of the plot, who was at that time on his way back to Berlin, having heard the bomb go off and being convinced that Hitler was dead, was aware that control of the *Wachbataillon Grossdeutschland* was vital in the early stages of the coup. Indeed, even with Hitler surviving the bomb attack on him, control of Berlin would still have put the conspirators in a very strong position.

Up to that point, though he was a loyal officer, Remer had not been particularly enthusiastic Nazi; his main concern was to make sure that he ended up on the winning side. He, therefore, obeyed von Hase's orders, and prepared to move his unit to the Wilhelmstrasse to seal off the ministry buildings.

At this point, however, one of his subordinates, a Lieutenant Hagen, who was an ardent Nazi, suggested to Remer that it might be politic to telephone Hitler's field headquarters, the *Wolfsschanze* (Wolf's Lair) at Rastenburg in East Prussia, to try to ascertain the truth of the rumours that were already



Remer addressing a meeting of his neo-Nazi *Sozialistische Reichspartei* in 1950

circulating in the city. Remer, who had not long before been decorated with the *Ritterkreuz* (Knight's Cross) by Hitler, appreciated the sagacity of Hagen's observations and, while his troops moved into positions in the Wilhelmstrasse, began to have about the wisdom of what was afoot. At the same time von Hase, for the conspirators, though himself uncertain of the precise degree of the success of the bomb attack on Hitler at Rastenburg, ordered Remer to stand firm.

But by now, the energetic Hagen was making the running. He made contact with Goebbels, who besides being Propaganda Minister was also *Gauleiter* of Berlin.

Goebbels told him to order the *Wachbataillon*'s commander to report to him immediately. He was able to tell Remer that Hitler was very far from dead, merely slightly injured, and then proceeded to arrange what was to be a faithful telephone call. Realising the seriousness of the situation, Goebbels obtained a line through to the *Wolfsschanze* and persuaded Hitler to come to the telephone in person to speak to the relatively junior officer in charge of his Berlin security unit.

Hitler agreed; persuaded by those familiar rasping accents which told him that the Führer was not dead, merely shaken up, Remer immediately flung himself wholeheartedly into the suppression of the conspiracy — assisted by a direct order from Hitler: "Place yourself under the orders of *Reichsminister* Himmler and suppress all resistance with ruthless energy." At that point the fate of the conspirators was finally sealed.

On August 7, 1944, after being sentenced to death by the People's Court earlier. In the following weeks hundreds more conspirators, known and suspected, were rounded up and put to death. For his work in helping to suppress the plot, Remer was given accelerated promotion to major-general.

By this time he had come to believe in the myth attached to him from the events of July 20, 1944. He was now, and remained, an ardent Nazi. Escaping any form of retribution after the war, he set himself to keep the party's principles alive, while the rest of Germany was attempting to struggle back to moral decency under the leadership of the Konrad Adenauer and the Christian Democrat statesmen of the Rhineland.

In 1950, with Count Westphal, he founded the *Sozialistische Reichspartei* (SRP) which vilified the Bonn Government and aimed to revive the Nazi movement. Besides denigrating the very notion of democracy as being something unfitted to the iron soul of the German people, Remer also launched venomous attacks on the "criminals of July 1944" as the idealistic conspirators were styled by the SRP. The words were carefully chosen to echo Hitler's description of the first democratic politicians of the Germany which emerged after the First World War as "the criminals of 1918".

In March 1952 the German High Court sentenced Remer to three months' imprisonment for slandering the July plotters as traitors. In October the SRP was banned as unconstitutional. But, although his political teeth were now completely drawn, Remer continued to preach the Nazi gospel, talking of the "Auschwitz lie" and fulminating against Jews. In 1964 he fled to Spain after his appeal against a 22-month sentence for "inciting hate, violence and racism" had been turned down. There he lived in exile, confident in the protection of right-wing elements in the police, army and Guardia Civil, through their ties with Fascist officers of the Franco era. He was also safe from extradition to Germany, since a Spanish court ruled last year that the crimes for which he had been sentenced have no equivalent in Spanish law.

Remer died in the Andalusian resort town of Marbella. He was also safe from extradition to Germany, since a Spanish court ruled last year that the crimes for which he had been sentenced have no equivalent in Spanish law.

## LADY BROOK

Lady Brook, founder of the Brook Advisory Centres, died on October 3 aged 89. She was born on October 12, 1907.



HELEN BROOK played a vital role in the sexual revolution of the 1960s and, although she believed in neither free love nor single-parent families, she was the first to offer contraceptive advice and services not only to unmarried women but also to young people under the age of 16.

Helen Knewstubb, as she was before her first marriage, was born into the arts world of Chelsea, where her young mother gave birth to her in an upstairs room at the Chénill Gallery. Her grandfather had been a friend and a pupil of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and her father, John Knewstubb, had founded the Chénill Gallery to exhibit work by such artists as Augustus John and Jacob Epstein, as well as by his brothers-in-law, William Orpen and William Rothenstein.

One of six children, she was educated at a convent in Sussex (her mother had converted to Roman Catholicism when she was quite young, but Helen later reverted to Anglicanism). When she was only 18 she decided to marry George Whitaker, leader of the Chénill Chamber Orchestra. Unfortunately, she found married life dull and, despite having an infant daughter, amicably and courageously asked for a divorce. She then spent two years with her daughter as a painter in Paris, a time that she later described as one of the happiest in her life. On her return to London, she met and, in 1937, married Robin Brook: a merchant banker, he was knighted in 1974.

In 1952, when Helen Brook found herself gloomy and depressed, a friend offered her a "little job" doing voluntary work as an interviewer for the *Islington Family Planning Association*. She soon joined the association's national executive committee and, after Marie Stopes's death in 1958, took over as director of the Marie Stopes Memorial Clinic in 1961.

Only in 1957 had the association changed its rules to offer contraceptive advice to "pre-maritals", women who were to be married within six weeks, but at the Stopes Clinic in 1963, two years after the launch of the contraceptive pill, Helen Brook began quiet-

ly to see unmarried women. Word quickly spread, and women came from as far away as Scotland, convincing her of the real need for such a service and bringing the moral issue out into the open.

Her revolutionary views threatened to split the Family Planning Association. The storm of controversy she provoked led her to leave the association and to found a separate organisation. In July 1964, with an anonymous gift of £15,000 from one of her husband's colleagues, John Trust, and a small annual grant from Stopes, the first Brook Advisory Centre for Young People opened in Dawes Street, Watworth.

The Brook Advisory Centres have always been involved in both counselling and education as well as birth control, and Helen Brook ensured that the atmosphere in all the centres was informal and pleasant.

In 1967, a year when 2,700 girls under the age of 16 became pregnant, Helen Brook caused further scandal by offering confidential advice to girls under 16 without informing their GPs or parents. Again, she countered the scandalised reaction of some newspapers with the argument that ignorance does not ensure innocence.

By 1974, free contraception had become available on the NHS, but Helen Brook continued to press for greater awareness of the issues surrounding women's health, such as the

establishment of well-women clinics and counselling for menopausal women. Helen Brook was a fervent upholder of the slogan "Every child, a wanted child". She also believed passionately that women should enjoy opportunities equal to men's, and that in order to achieve true independence women had to be able to avoid unwanted pregnancies. She has been both attacked as one of the founders of the permissive society and hailed as a doyen of women's sexual liberation.

During the early 1980s a small lobby, led by a mother of ten children, Victoria Gillick, began voicing intense opposition to the provision of contraception to young people. This culminated in the Court of Appeal decision of 1984 (*Gillick v DHSS*) prohibiting doctors from providing contraception without parental consent to the under-16s. This ruling was reversed in the House of Lords nine months later.

Despite serious eye problems in later life, Helen continued to support the Brook Advisory Centres in every way she could — mainly through the continuing exercise of her great charisma and her simple faith in the justice of her desire to see no more women prevented from fulfilling their potential because of ignorance about their own sexuality.

Lady Brook is survived by her husband, Sir Robin Brook, by their two daughters and by the daughter of her first marriage.

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## DAVID GILL

David Gill, dancer and maker and restorer of films, died of a heart attack on September 28 aged 69. He was born in Papua New Guinea on June 9, 1928.

DAVID GILL'S sudden death has prevented him from bringing his career full circle. When Sadler's Wells Theatre reopens next year, he would have been returning as a presenter of old films to the house where he began his life as a dancer. Those who knew him only from the success of either one of his two main activities may be surprised by his skill and reputation in the other. The connecting link was an eye for line and form: perhaps this was genetic, since he was a nephew of the artist Eric Gill.

His father was a medical missionary and later a Cardiff GP, and there was some early intention of following him into medicine; but the young Gill switched his ambition to ballet in time to start his career at an exciting period, when the original Sadler's Wells Ballet had just made its postwar move to Covent Garden, leaving the Wells to a new Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet of mostly young dancers who performed many creations by new choreographers.

Gill joined the new company and thrived in its lively atmosphere. He never a virtuoso, although he had enough technique to perform in the animated *pas de six* of Frederick Ashton's *Les Rendez-vous*, or as one of the rumbustious sailors in John Cranko's *Pineapple Poll*. It was in roles where a strong presence and personality counted that he made most impression, above all as the Bridegroom in Andrée Howard's *La Fête étrange*. He made this quite often static and ultimately sad character singularly his own.



Dancing with the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company on tour in 1951

Gill soon had a gallery of rewarding parts such as Pierrot in *Le Carnaval*; Siegfried in *Swan Lake Act II* (then often given on its own); Doctor Coppélius, the romantic Pavane in Ashton's *Capriol Suite*; and the Rake's Friend in Ninette de Valois' *The Rake's Progress*. He could make much of even the smallest role: notable examples were his appearances as Lord Ravensgarth in Howard's comedy *Seina* or as the choreographer Monsieur Noverre in de Valois' *The Prospect Before Us* ("displeased with a criticism in *The Times*" as the programme note put it).

After eight years Gill made his move to television. He had already established his credentials with a film he shot, in silent movie style, of his fellow-dancers on the long pre-jet journey for a season in Bulawayo. Now he went to work for commer-

cial television in its earliest days, first as an editor for Associated-Rediffusion, progressing in time to directing, and to Thames Television, making notable documentaries both in war zones and (in contrasted mood) along the Thames.

In 1975 he teamed up with the writer Kevin Brownlow for a 15-part series about Hollywood in its silent days. They discovered a mutual determination to make people treat these old films as serious works of art and, after the success of their first series, devoted themselves (and the company Photoplay Productions which they founded) to finding, restoring and — most important of all — publicly showing rare or forgotten films with proper music accompaniment.

Among Gill's most notable coups was running to earth copious quantities of previously unshown film by Chaplin: the resulting three-part television series won him and Brownlow one of their several Emmy awards. Gill also restored Chaplin's *Gold Rush* to its original silent form, and rehabilitated another of cinema's great classics, *The Birth of a Nation*. Tireless patience, sharp intelligence and absolute honesty went into his work, performed with complete dedication.

When plans were being drawn up for rebuilding Sadler's Wells Theatre, Gill successfully urged the provision of a large screen and all the facilities needed to show the films there in ideal conditions. Sadly, others will have to replace him in making use of this when the work now in progress is completed.

Gill married a fellow-dancer, Pauline Wadsworth, who later became for many years the director of the Royal Ballet School's junior branch at White Lodge, Richmond. He is survived by her and by their two daughters.

## LEEDS MUSICAL FESTIVAL

The final concert of the festival proper opened to-day with a noble performance of Beethoven's *Mass in D*, in which the choir did their heavy task with the greatest success. The Leeds singers are without rivals in the kingdom, and therefore in the world, for the beauty and sonority of their tone and for the extraordinary "staying power" which has been remarkably displayed this week. In their performance the cruelty of the composer in keeping his voices in the highest register is not forced upon the attention of the hearers by an obvious straining on the part of the choir: their powers in this respect have made the Leeds Festival what it is, and for indomitable vocal vigour the public are accustomed to look to it with the certainty of not being disappointed. If on one or two occasions it has been possible to imagine more perfect gradations of light and shade, the performance of this morning left nothing to be desired in this or any other respect. In the numbers in which the solo quartet is associated with the chorus the tone of the latter was so subdued and so fine in quality that the most perfect balance was obtained. It is true that in the difficult chromatic passages of the section "In gloriam

## ON THIS DAY

October 7, 1859

The 19th century saw the founding of music festivals (mostly choral) in several cities, including Leeds where the first was held in 1838, continuing triennially until 1870. Early performances included Vaughan Williams's *A Sea Symphony* (1910) and Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* (1931).

Del patris" of the *Gloria* a very slight uncertainty was displayed at one or two points, but this was the only defect that could possibly be discovered. Excepting a somewhat serious uncertainty at the beginning of the *presto* of the *Agnus Dei*, the orchestra was at its very best, and the performance, under Sir Arthur Sullivan, at least as fine as that of 1883. The soloists were Misses Medora Henson and Hilda Wilson, Messrs. Ben Davies and Andrew Black, all of whom did excellently. Mr. Frye Parker played the violin obligato to the "Benediction" with much artistic skill. The second part of the concert began with Schumann's *Symphony in B flat*, played with

much care and sympathy. Mendelssohn's psalm "As the hart pants" brought the festival, properly speaking, to a close. The solo parts were sung by Miss Medora Henson, Messrs. Ben Davies, Hirwen Jones, Andrew Black, and Bisham. At the usual extra concert in the evening, the programme consisted of the first part of *The Creation* and *The Golden Legend*. It is unfortunately impossible to bestow unequalled praise upon the arrangements of the festival, although the officials have, no doubt, spared no pains in this direction. The extraordinary success of the week, due no doubt in great measure to the Royal patronage it has received, has brought several evil results in its train, and has emphasized certain drawbacks of arrangement that have always existed. To say nothing of various manifestations of a "penny-wise" policy, worst of which was the dangerous overcrowding of the room by chairs placed in every available spot, the difficulties imposed upon ingress and egress with an arbitrary tyranny happily unknown elsewhere, add greatly to the already serious dangers arising from the curiously uninviting plan of the corridors the slightest panic in the audience, even were it causeless, must inevitably result in a fearful loss of life, and it is a matter of sincere thankfulness whenever a Leeds festival ends with no mishap.











# Equitas surplus of £617m exceeds City expectations

By JON ASHWORTH

EQUITAS, the company set up to take over billions of pounds in questionable insurance claims from the old Lloyd's of London, far exceeded expectations during its first seven months in business.

The company, which has again seen its accounts heavily qualified by its auditors, Coopers & Lybrand, increased its surplus to £617 million (£588 million) in the seven months to end-March. The ratio of surplus to liabilities rose from 5.6 per cent to 7.1 per cent, buoyed

by strong underlying cash-flows and lower than expected claims payouts. Headhunters have been appointed to find a replacement for David Newbould, the Equitas chairman, who is to step down next year. Mr Newbould, who formerly ran Jardine Matheson in Hong Kong, guided Equitas through its start-up phase, and said that the time was right to hand on to a successor. The search is being led by Whitehead Mann.

Hailing the encouraging financial trend, Mr Newbould said: "We have not encountered any major surprises, nor have we identified any external event, trend or emerging issue that we believe would endanger the financial stability of Equitas." The company paid £2.5 billion in claims and operating expenses — lower than forecast — and collected £840 million in reinsurance on paid claims during the period, higher than expected. Investment return totalled £256 million.

Equitas assumed responsibility for 400 Lloyd's syndicates comprising more than 740 open years of accounts, and faces an uphill struggle in assessing the quality of the information it has inherited. The collective liabilities represent perhaps the most difficult claims portfolio ever assembled by one company, with a concentration of asbestos, pollution and health-hazard (AHL) claims that will take decades to run off.

For this reason, the Equitas accounts are likely to remain heavily qualified for some time to come. Jane Barker, the Equitas finance director, said steps were being taken to improve the quality of the data, although the nature of the business was such that the accounts would never entirely be free of uncertainty.

## France Telecom share price set

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE FRENCH Finance Minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, set the price for France Telecom shares at Fr187 (£19.68) yesterday, and proclaimed the partial privatisation a popular success.

The price values the world's fourth-biggest telecommunications operator at Fr187 billion and promises a swift return for investors.



Strauss-Kahn: set price

with analysts predicting shares will start trading at more than Fr300. M Strauss-Kahn said the sale would raise about Fr42 billion for the French state and attract more than 2.5 million small investors. That raises the curious prospect of the Socialist-led government, which flagged its hostility to privatisations before winning power in June, presiding over one of the country's most popular capitalist ventures.

M Strauss-Kahn will float about 20 per cent of the shares on the Paris and New York stock markets, with just under half of this tranche reserved for small shareholders. About 10 per cent of the 115 million shares initially reserved for institutional investors may be made available to the public.

Up to 10 per cent of France Telecom's shares will be offered to Deutsche Telekom, its partner in the Global One alliance.



High life: Ashley Levett, relaxing by the pool, will be waiting to see if the SFO drops its inquiry

## US drops Winchester suit

By JON ASHWORTH

THE Serious Fraud Office (SFO) may be close to dropping its investigation into Winchester Commodities, the controversial metals trader caught up in the Sumitomo copper scandal.

Pressure on the SFO to desist came as a group of American investors announced that they were dropping a class action suit against Winchester and its Monaco-based owners, Charlie

"Copperfinger" Vincent and Ashley Levett. The US investors commenced proceedings last year against the Winchester camp, together with Sumitomo, and its former chief metals trader, Yasuo Hamanaka.

The action, alleging market manipulation, was brought on behalf of a class of individuals who were said to have suffered as a result of the activities of the defendants. The action

against Sumitomo and Hamanaka continues. The decision to drop US proceedings was welcomed by Mr Vincent, who was formerly managing director of Winchester.

He said: "I am delighted that these allegations have been withdrawn. Not a shred of evidence has ever been produced to support them and their withdrawal was therefore inevitable."

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## September car sales roar ahead

By KEVIN EASON  
MOTORING EDITOR

THE surge in new car sales shows no sign of abating, with registrations rising by 16.7 per cent in September.

Carmakers had feared an autumn slump after record sales in the vital August market, but figures issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders showed their worries were unnecessary.

Registrations in September were 160,739, up from 138,059 in September of last year. Ford led the market, with its Escort, Mondeo and Fiesta the three bestsellers.

Overall sales so far this year are up 7.2 per cent, year on year, at 1.77 million, with the industry looking for one of its best years ever. Ernie Thompson, the society's chief executive, said that the September boost had stirred optimism.

The ten bestselling cars in September were: 1. Ford Escort (10,167); 2. Ford Mondeo (9,260); 3. Ford Fiesta (8,190); 4. Vauxhall Astra (6,409); 5. Vauxhall Corsa (5,475); 6. Peugeot 306 (4,592); 7. Peugeot 200 (4,346); 8. Renault Megane (4,326); 9. Peugeot 106 (4,022); 10. Peugeot 405 (3,922).

## Guinness control put to test

By DOMINIC WALSH

BERNARD ARNAULT, chairman of LVMH, yesterday renewed his assault on the proposed merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan by announcing the appointment of a panel of arbitrators to rule on the "control event".

The arbitration process will decide whether the £24 billion merger between the two British companies constitutes, in practice, a change of control at Guinness. GrandMet shareholders will end up with 33 per cent of the combined group.

Under an agreement dating back to the time when LVMH and Guinness took cross-holdings in each other, LVMH has the option to buy Guinness's interests in all drinks distribution joint ventures in the event of a change of control or takeover. It also has the option to repurchase at a discount Guinness's 34 per cent stake in LVMH's Moët Hennessy arm.

The panel is comprised of three senior French judges, Serge Lazareff, Matthieu de Boissesson, and Bernard Hamotiau.

## Occidental pays \$3.6bn as US sells oilfield

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

OCCIDENTAL Petroleum, the US oil group, yesterday bought the Elk Hills oilfield for \$3.65 billion (£2.4 billion) in the largest privatisation in American history.

Elk Hills, near Bakersfield, California, has more than 1,000 producing wells on 47,000 acres and also includes some gas reserves. Daily production runs to 60,000 barrels of oil and 400 million cubic feet of natural gas.

About 200 oil companies, mainly American, bid for Elk Hills. BP said that it did not because its Northern American interests are focused on Alaska.

The US Department of Energy declined to name failed bidders. Elk Hills was set aside at the turn of the century as a source of oil for the US Navy.

### TOURIST RATES

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Australia	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Austria	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
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Canada	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Denmark	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
France	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Germany	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Greece	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Hong Kong	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
India	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Indonesia	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Italy	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23
Japan	2.23	Bank	2.23	Bank	2.23

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Friendly bid to save Worms from raider

WORMS & COMPAGNIE, the French conglomerate that owns a 40 per cent stake in Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the London-listed paper manufacturer, is at the centre of a Fr30 billion (£3.6 billion) tussle after Italy's Agnelli family and AGF, the French insurance group, announced a friendly bid to counter the hostile raid launched last month by François Pinault. The transaction would leave the Agnelli family in control of the holding company and see AGF take over Worms's Athena insurance unit, which is valued at Fr12 billion.

The bid was launched after a weekend of talks with Worms's family shareholders, who own a 22.1 per cent stake. AGF has 7.6 per cent of the capital and the Someal unit of the Agnelli-controlled IRI Holding has 20 per cent. AGF said its cash and shares bid valued Worms shares at Fr465.36 and the holding at between Fr30.36 billion and Fr33.06 billion. M Pinault, who controls the retail giant Pinault Printemps Redoute, offered Fr410 per share in the biggest hostile bid ever in France. On Friday, Worms's supervisory board rejected the hostile bid and announced a 55 per cent rise in interim profits to Fr1.2 billion.

## More directors banned

A RECORD number of company directors were disqualified over the past year. A total of 1,219 directors were banned — 179 after being convicted of company-related offences. The Department of Trade and Industry looked into complaints about 1,297 firms, resulting in 762 potential cases for investigation, of which 252 were proceeded with. Nigel Griffiths, the Trade Minister, said: "Too many members of the public are falling prey to unscrupulous directors, and too many honest traders are being undercut by dishonest ones."

## FedEx buys parcel firm

FEDERAL EXPRESS has agreed to acquire Caliber System, a parcels service, for \$2.4 billion (about £1.49 billion), it was announced yesterday. FedEx Corp, the new company, which will employ 170,000 worldwide, is aiming to become a \$15 billion powerhouse in global transportation and logistics with two independent networks serving the express and non-express markets through five business units. Caliber's Ohio headquarters will close, and the 150 employees there will be offered positions at FedEx Corp or a subsidiary.

## C&W's American move

CABLE & WIRELESS, the international telecommunications group, is opening a regulatory office in Washington to handle any group lobbying or negotiations with the Federal Communications Commission. C&W said yesterday that the aim of setting up the office was to ensure that the company was able to speak with one voice in Washington. It played down reports that the move meant that the company was once again thinking of joining any particular partnership in the US market.

## O&R expansion plan

OWEN & ROBINSON, the fashion retail group, is planning to open two stores on prime sites in Manchester and Glasgow under the Capolino Roma name. Owen & Robinson recently merged with Capolino Roma, the menswear fashion retailer, and operates the Foothold chain of shoe stores. The group has 60 stores in total. The new 904 sq m Manchester site has four storeys, while the Glasgow store covers 1,115 sq m on two levels. Both will open on December 1. The group plans to open further stores around the country.

## TJ Hughes prospers

TJ HUGHES, the discount department store operator, provided further evidence of strong consumer demand yesterday, with doubled interim pre-tax profits of £753,000. The chain, which is based in the North West of England, enjoyed like-for-like sales growth of 6.8 per cent in the six months to July 31. Margins were maintained. The company is to pay an interim dividend on December 31 of 0.97p, compared with 0.84p last time. Shares in TJ Hughes rose by 2½p, to 103½p, yesterday.

## Andrews Sykes ahead

ANDREWS SYKES GROUP, the supplier of air conditioning, pumping and heating equipment, enjoyed a recovery in interim profits to £5.05 million, from £3.4 million, in the half-year to June 29. The improvement was helped by the absence of the more extreme weather conditions that blighted the first half of 1996. Earnings were 21½p a share, up from 14½p, and the interim dividend is lifted to 5p a share from 3.5p. Turnover was little changed at £27.4 million, compared with £26.1 million.

## LAW'S £46m purchase

LAW'S, the agri-foods business based in the Republic of Ireland, is buying Cuisine de France, a supplier of French breads, confectionery and savoury products, for a maximum profit-related consideration of Ir£51 million (£46 million). Although the business is also based in Ireland, it has a growing presence in the UK, which accounts for 36 per cent of turnover. Cuisine de France earned pre-tax profits of Ir£4.1 million in the year to February 1. The existing management team will remain with the enlarged group.

## Alwaleed adds to hotels

PRINCE Alwaleed Bin Talal, the Saudi billionaire, is expanding his hotel interests with the purchase of a 30 per cent stake in the Swiss company Moevenpick Hotels and Resorts for an undisclosed sum. He will also forge an alliance with Moevenpick AG, which owns the remaining 70 per cent. Prince Alwaleed already has a substantial hotel portfolio. Moevenpick operates almost 40 hotels with more than 7,000 rooms in ten countries. There are plans for more hotels in Germany, the Middle East, Far East and North Africa.

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# A united fighting force



COMMENTARY  
by our City Editor

For years GEC and British Aerospace have danced warily around each other. The commercial logic in favour of the pair joining forces is inescapable, but establishing terms that would suit both sides has so far proved impossible.

Lord Weinstock, as ever, was determined to win himself a bargain, but in Sir Richard Evans he met a worthy match. The result was stalemate.

But now may be the time to reopen negotiations. Yesterday's call from George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, for the defence industry to consolidate was being interpreted in some quarters as a clear signal that there would be no regulatory barriers put up against the merger.

Mr Robertson's starting point was the need for European defence companies to combine against the might of the giants that have been created in the United States. When Boeing and McDonnell Douglas get together, French, Italian or British businesses have every reason to quake. In the defence business, small — a relative term — and vulnerable does not win sympathy, let alone business.

So Mr Robertson advocates that European firms should work together, as on the Airbus project. But while this must be the way forward, a useful first step might be to strengthen the British players with the rationalisation that the Defence Secretary seeks. There are three British

companies making armoured cars: GKN, Alvis and Vickers. They might stand a better chance of beating the enemy if they could fight together.

Similarly, putting together GEC and British Aerospace would create a British defence force that could not be ignored. The personality clash that has marred discussions before has been removed. Although Lord Weinstock is still to be found at GEC's headquarters, his presidential title is but honorary.

The soon-to-be Lord Simpson, his successor as managing director, would bring a different approach to negotiations. And if the sub-text to Mr Robertson's speech is being correctly inferred, such negotiations would have Government blessing. This indicates that previous paranoia about the risks to Government of allowing its choice of national defence contractors has given way to a sense of reality about the need to compete internationally.

And there is no harm in being heavyweight even when dealing with our potential European partners. George Simpson has already experienced the difficulties of trying to work with a French defence industry in which the Government pulls the

strings. His suggestion that he might buy Thomson was swiftly rebuffed. Now thoughts of privatising that business appear to have been shelved. With awesome galleic pragmatism, political objections to privatisation have been overcome sufficiently to make the flotation of France Telecom a remarkable success, the proceeds of which may well be used to bolster Thomson while retaining it in public ownership.

## They were just obeying orders

Dress rehearsals are designed to expose rough edges so that the show will be right on the night. So there need be no dismay just because the 3,000 traders who put the Stock Exchange's new electronic order-driven trading system through its paces on Saturday produced such bizarre

results. But this did make once-arcane questions so vivid that many will wonder whether the change is an advance in efficiency or just kowtowing to cultural imperialism.

On the day, action in the 100 top stocks led to trade being suspended in one or other of them 438 times when the price had moved 10 per cent or more. Having been dragged in to test the system, some were minded to test it to destruction. Even so, it will be a revelation to many investors that trading suspensions are intrinsic to the new system, albeit a rarity in "normal" times. More immediately worrying were vicious strategies adopted to catch the unwary. Leaving absurd orders in the system just in case someone makes a typing error and falls for your trap has convinced traders not to be extended to the next 250 stocks without convincing proof that it is beneficial, and should not be used for the remaining

EZW traders to relax their attention. Lying as a snake in the grass to ambush the innocent is not cricket. This tactic, along with others to engineer suspensions artificially, makes it dangerous to put in buy or sell orders at "best price". The market might become even less friendly to small investors, whose orders are often packaged that way.

Such concerns are unlikely to dominate meetings between investment banks and the exchange to assess the tests. As with monetary union, there is by now an institutional drive to get things moving on October 20 and therefore not waste time on refinements. Much of the system worked pretty well in the simulation and similar systems operate from New York to Zurich.

The key lesson of practice is that order-driven trading should not be extended to the next 250 stocks without convincing proof that it is beneficial, and should not be used for the remaining

2,000 stocks at all. The less liquid the stock, the less the cost advantage of cutting out the wholesaler and the greater the danger that ordinary investors big or small will be made fools of. The sooner it is recognised that the London market must divide into one for big international stocks and another for smaller domestic ones the better.

## Steps in the right direction

It is Bob Reid should grimace as he reads the latest news from C&J Clark. While Sir Bob is still struggling expensively to extricate Sears from the shoe business, Clarks is demonstrating that footwear does not need to be crippling.

New management in the shape of Roger Pedder and the former Treasury boffin, Tim Parker, have turned round the Somerset-based business and are sounding comfortably optimistic about its prospects. Little magic has been involved in the transformation, but the loss of 1,400 jobs has been crucial. For a family-owned business such as Clarks, making the decision to axe workers on that sort of scale comes hard, and

doubly so when the family is steeped in Quaker tradition, although this did not prevent some nasty fighting among the various factions.

That infighting has subsided under the new management, encouraged perhaps by the appearance of profits and the real prospect of flotation.

The shareholders in another family-owned company must be watching Clarks improving fortunes carefully. It seems that the Littlewoods family has also agreed to stop its feuding and has rallied hopefully behind the new management. They, too, appear to have dropped any pretence being a paternalistic employer.

As the company dramatically scales down its retail business, selling some stores to Marks & Spencer and letting out chunks of others, hundreds of jobs will vanish. Dividends have triumphed over idealism.

## By any measure

MAY I suggest "If it's there, measure it" as a new slogan for the Office for National Statistics. Or even "It might not be there but let's measure it anyway." There is something endearing about its attempt to put a value on our household chores and its frank admission that it has no idea what it is. There is lots of entertainment value on the way to its non-conclusion but, really, too, that the ONS describes the exercise as inexpensive.

## Incentive plan 'used to falsify QMH profit'

By Dominic Walsh

FORMER directors of Queens Moat Houses used an incentive management scheme to falsify profit figures and paint a positive picture of the company's worsening financial performance, the High Court was told yesterday.

The controversial scheme, under which some hotel managers paid an agreed annual fee to QMH head office and pocketed any additional profits, is at the centre of a case for unfair dismissal brought by John Baird, former chairman of QMH, and three other former directors.

The four men, all of whom were sacked after trading in the company's shares was suspended in April 1993, were accused yesterday of misleading the market to expect profits of between £80 million and £85 million when they knew this could not be achieved. The accounts produced after their departure showed losses of

£1.04 billion after a £922 million property writedown.

Michael Burton, QC, for QMH, said the problem with the incentive management scheme was that the annual fee paid by hotels was booked to group profits in the year the contract was signed, even though the money was normally paid in 13 monthly instalments the following year. This "front-loading" had led to the double-counting of profits from hotels transferring from the management to the incentive scheme.

"The mischief of that," Mr Burton said, "is that if you have a hotel which is the managed sector from January through to October, and then 12 months' worth of next year in the form of the incentive fee, you thus get yourself 20 months' profit in one year." He alleged that hotels were deliberately signed up to the scheme towards the year-end to bolster current-year profits.

Even when the recession had made it difficult for some managers to pay the annual fee the company had often persuaded them to renew their contracts so the fees could again be booked to profits.

He further claimed that to avoid profits being too heavily weighted towards the second half, interim results had been boosted by the addition of a proportion of the front-loaded fee the company expected later in the year, completely falsifying the profit figure for the year, Mr Burton added.

The case continues.

## Kingsbury receives approach

By Sarah Cunningham

KINGSBURY, the quoted furniture retailer, yesterday said that it has received an approach that may lead to a bid at close to the current share price.

The company, trading as Kingsbury Interiors, Wades and Harrison Gibson, has 76 branches in the UK and it also has three stores on the Continent.

Analysts said that a bidder was likely to be a big unquoted furniture retailer looking to back into the stock market, or a quoted one such as Essex Furniture, H&C Furniture, Uno or Rosebys. DFS is thought unlikely to be attracted by Kingsbury's small stores.

Kingsbury's shares fell 8p to 165p yesterday, valuing it at about £43 million.



Rowland Gee, left, and Terry Donovan propose expanding the high street operation and possibly moving into mail order

## Moss Bros plans further growth

By Sarah Cunningham

MOSS BROS, the menswear retail group, is planning to capitalise on strong sales and profits growth with further expansion of its high street chains and a possible move into the mail-order market.

In the six months to July 26 the group, which trades as the Suit Company, Cecil Gee, Savoy Tailors Guild and Blazer, and which also has outlets for Yves Saint Laurent and Hugo Boss men's clothing, reported pre-tax profit up 17 per cent to £5.79 million on a 7 per cent rise in same-store sales. The sales growth has continued into the second half.

In the first half the company opened nine shops and it will

open a further five in the second half. This will take the group's portfolio to 177 stores. Rowland Gee, managing director, said that the only thing holding back expansion was the rising level of rents for prime retail sites in the UK.

He said that the company, whose finance director is Terry Donovan, was also considering a move into mail order with an established operator.

The company has boosted its interim dividend from 1.3p to 2p, partly reflecting the improved earnings per share of 4.31p (3.67p). The dividend will be paid on November 11.

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## Sinclair to launch health insurance

By Fraser Nelson

SINCLAIR Montrose Healthcare, which is opening walk-in medical centres in railway stations and supermarkets, has joined forces with Norwich Union in preparation for a new health insurance market.

The company, which recently raised £6.5 million to fund its expansion, is considering offering policies with Norwich Union covering routine GP visits and vaccinations. The move, which was agreed before last week's reports that the Government is considering levying charges for routine appointments with GPs, will involve Tim Baker, from Norwich Union's healthcare arm, joining Sinclair as non-executive director. Norwich Union has, in return, invested £2 million in the company and is leaving open the prospect of further financial support

should Sinclair's idea of a nationwide private GP chain take off.

Kate Bleasdale, chief executive, said: "This is a strategic alliance which shows that we have a major financial company supporting our business."

Sinclair Montrose's two Medicentres, which operate in Victoria and Euston railway stations in London, generate 80 per cent of sales from GP consulting and the remainder from travel and flu vaccinations.

Norwich Union bought two million shares at 200p apiece during Sinclair Montrose's August fundraising. The shares, which trade on the Alternative Investment Market, gained 2p to 242p yesterday.

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## National Power opts for gas

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

NATIONAL POWER is to build a £450 million gas-fired station that can produce enough electricity for two million people in a move that signals another blow for the coal industry.

Building the station at Staythorpe, Nottinghamshire, will provide about 1,000 jobs. Construction will start next

year. The combined cycle gas turbine power station will be built on the site of two former coal-fired stations. National Power said the plant would contribute to its drive to be the UK's lowest cost electricity generator while continuing to produce cleaner power.

The Department of Trade and Industry currently has

more than 20 applications for gas-fired stations and the coal industry fears the "dash for gas" will sound the death knell for UK coal. Generators have turned increasingly to gas as its price has fallen and environmental pressures have become greater.

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Restaurants group finds right ingredients for expansion

## Chez Gérard spread on menu

By Dominic Walsh

GROUPE Chez Gérard, the restaurant group, is to open at least nine restaurants over the next three years.

Neville Abraham, chairman and chief executive, said the main focus for expansion would be the group's Livebait fish restaurants and the successful Chez Gérard formula. However, he did not rule out further "signature" or individual restaurants along the lines of Scotts or the St Quentin restaurants acquired in May. The fifth, Chez Gérard

opened recently at Bishopsgate, in the City of London, and Mr Abraham envisages reaching double figures within three years, at a total cost of at least £4 million.

A further £3 million will be used to expand the Livebait concept, acquired in February, and the group's established Café Fish formula, to be renamed Livebait's Café Fish. The second Livebait, along the lines of the original restaurant at Waterloo, will open in Covent Garden, probably before Christmas.

Mr Abraham said the group

would continue to seek sites exclusively in London, though eventually expansion throughout the UK and even the Continent was likely.

Yesterday Groupe Chez Gérard unveiled a 6.3 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.04 million in the year to June 29, on turnover up 17 per cent to £19.2 million. In the second half of the year sales growth excluding acquisitions was up 20 per cent (12.5 per cent). Earnings rose to 12.4p (10.8p), and a final dividend of 2.2p will be paid on December 9, making a 3.2p (2.8p) total.



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# Profit-takers decide to cash in after big gains

EQUITIES and government securities both beat a ragged retreat as profit-takers decided to cash in after recent strong gains.

Talk about mounting public opposition to the single currency also took its toll of sentiment, although a positive start to trading on Wall Street last night enabled share prices in London to halve earlier losses.

The FTSE 100 index, which rose almost 2 per cent last week, came under pressure first thing but managed to hold the 5,300 level — if only by the slimmest of margins.

At one stage it was down almost 60 points before rallying to reduce the deficit at the close to 30.8 at 5,300.0. Turnover was a lacklustre 676 million shares.

A subdued set of industrial production numbers had already been widely expected and was quickly discounted. But with the inflation numbers due out today before the latest meeting of the Bank of England monetary policy committee, most investors decided caution was the better part of valour.

The absence of any fresh news after WorldCom's \$30 billion bid for MCI, left British Telecom 1p lower at 458p at 38 million shares were traded.

Bid hopes have taken a bit of a knock at Redwood, with the price dropping 7p to 246p. Only last week, Rudolf Agnew, chairman, told the City that the fall in the company's share price had left it vulnerable to an unwanted takeover. The shares have come back from a peak of 379p so far this year, with the strong pound and tough trading conditions in Germany taking their toll.

The absence of any fresh move left T&N, a takeover target, 5p down at 244p. Federal Mogul, the US automotive parts group, has made an offer of 235p a share, but the absence of any counter-bid has disappointed the speculators. The current terms value T&N at £1.2 billion.

Hopes of a takeover at Diplomat have been scuppered by news of a link-up with Sonopar Electronic International and Marshall Industries in electronic component distribution. The shares fell 23p to 268p.

Quality Software stood out with a jump of 15p to 255p after Salomon Brothers, the US



Martin Craddock, the chairman of Linat, left, and Paul Bouscarle, chief executive, saw the share price improve

securities house, paid £1.6 million for a 5 per cent stake. It has bought 648,700 new shares at 245p a share. The proceeds will provide new working capital.

News of a bid approach failed to excite Kingsbury Group, which ended 8p down at 165p. The household furniture retailer, which came to market in June 1995, says any

offer will be made close to the current price. The group carries a price tag of £44 million. JJB Sports shrugged off recent weakness to post a gain of 15p at 499p before interim figures today. These are expected to show pre-tax profits climbing from £7.2 million to £10 million, although some estimates have been pitched as high as £13 million. Linat

Group responded to better than expected full-year figures showing profits 50 per cent higher with a rise of 11p to 335p. The 24 per cent increase in the dividend also cheered the market. Linat, which makes and installs bar equipment to the leisure and hospitality industry, is currently installing all seven new bars at the National Theatre as part of a major refurbishment programme. Martin Craddock, chairman, is confident about prospects for the current year.

Time Art Development advanced 36p to 188p as the demerger of Creative Publishing, its subsidiary, was completed. Creative Publishing started life at 136p and touched a high for the day of 173p before ending at 172p. On Friday, Fine Art closed at 323p and the combined closing price for both companies last night suggests a rise of 17p per cent. Peel Hunt, the broker, says the value of the combined shares should be nearer 450p.

Backland Investments made an encouraging start to trading on the AIM after a placing at 15p. The price opened at 16p and ended at the best of the day with a rise of 2p to 17p.

**GLIT-EDGED:** Bond prices in London opened lower reflecting the late sell-off in US Treasury bonds on Friday. Differing reports about Britain's entry into the single European currency muddled the waters further. One report suggested open hostility by a majority of the British public to joining a single currency, while another from French Finance Ministry officials suggested Britain would join the first wave at the start of 1999.

In the event, European bond markets outperformed London. In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt finished £2.32 lower at £120.21 as a total of 77,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 1/2 per cent 2015 dropped 1/8 to £117.12, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was seven ticks off at £103.24.

**NEW YORK:** Shares found firmer footing in late-morning trade and the Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.47 points to 8,062.05 at midday. Technical problems at our suppliers of Life options have prevented publication of some prices. We apologise.

**THE oil price** endured a rollercoaster ride as the speculators poured in. North Sea Brent crude jumped 70 cents to \$21.80 a barrel before closing 81 cents down. Renewed friction between Iran and Iraq has prompted the US to send the aircraft carrier Nimitz into the Gulf. The speculators believe supplies could be affected.

Jurgen Lunshof, of Credit Lyonnais Laing, takes a more sceptical view: "Yes it's all very exciting, but it does not square-up, inventories have already been built-up. The crude price

appears to be high enough for the time being." He forecasts a gradual increase in prices in the next two to three months as winter sets in. "Remember! High stock levels helped to offset the price hike we saw last year."

He thinks it unlikely that the oil companies will enjoy any significant benefit. He says BP, up 6p at 939p, is not fully valued. Neither is Enterprise Oil, 3p easier at 691p, which may benefit from drilling reports due soon. Shell, 4p off at 480p, is fully valued along with Lasso, 1p down at 283p.

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## Turning up the heat

THERE must be something wrong at a company that stands in the stock market on an earnings multiple of 3.95 and a dividend yield of 8.39 per cent.

The company is JKB, the coalminer, and its problems became a little clearer yesterday when National Power, the power generator, let it be known it was pressing ahead with plans to build a £450 million gas-fired power station at Newark, Nottinghamshire. It will burn the equivalent to the output of two average pits.

Last month, Richard Budge, the R and B in JKB, pleaded with the Government to put a levy on electricity bills to support the development of clean coal technology to compete with gas. Mr Budge also has to renegotiate 75 per cent of his coal contracts with the big generators next year. The price they

pay for coal is most unlikely to go up, especially against the background of a strong pound and cheap coal imports. Yesterday John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, reinforced the gloom for JKB when he refused to discuss the possibility of talks on the future of the coal industry, which still employs 47,000 miners.

The Department of Trade and Industry currently has more than 20 applications for gas-fired stations, the most it has ever had on its desks and a sign of more problems to come at JKB.

At 298p, unchanged yesterday, the shares are heading back towards the 250p they were sold at a long way away from the 590p peak reached in 1996. Investors should steer clear of the stock until it becomes clear how much JKB will get for its coal from next year.

Of course, JKB is still a phenomenally risky prospect. However, at 55p, its shares are the cheapest in the sector. Up to 60p, the shares are an exciting prospect for the high-adrenaline investor.

At any price beyond that, investors should remind themselves of the propensity of Eastern European markets to disappoint.

**JKB**

IT IS HARDLY surprising that Sir Robert Horton's departure from JKB yesterday left the shares in higher. No matter what Sir Robert's abilities were as chairman, it seemed in the City that he did not have the time to give the company the attention that it needed.

JKB is now in a curiously strong position, with Ramco, its dedicated suitor, desperately trying to wipe egg off its face. Western investors may feel uneasy with a state-owned Ukrainian business holding a 22 per cent stake in their company, considering that one of JKB's problems was getting the locals to cough up for its supplies.

However, sleeping with the enemy is often advantageous. At JKB, Ukragroup is now shareholder, customer and partner. The Ukrainian

share. The company was disappointingly vague yesterday about the financial performance of Blazer, which it bought from Storehouse last year. But the chain should have potential — perhaps for mail order in conjunction with an established mail order firm — particularly since its design director from the more stylish pre-Storehouse days has returned.

Moss Bros is trading at 16 times earnings, which puts it on a slight discount to the sector. It has enough potential to justify a sector rating. Buy.

**Sinclair**

**Montrose**

SINCLAIR Montrose Healthcare is on a roll. It has deposited £6.5 million in the bank from its rights issue and now wins a £2 million vote of confidence from Norwich Union, which wants to be the first selling insurance if the idea of paying for GP advice takes off.

At 242p, the shares sit on 26 times the 9.47p of earnings per share expected next year. This makes Sinclair a "jam tomorrow" company. Giants such as Bupa are looking over their shoulder with the firepower to compete if the private primary healthcare market is set alight by NHS reforms.

Sinclair is bagging the best sites. Its Victoria station clinic, with its £7-a-shot travel vaccinations, is an attractive prototype. If this could be reproduced 26 times, the shares would be worth a great deal more than they are today.

But Sinclair is a different market. The good citizens of Sheffield feel as comfortable about visiting the doctors on the way back from doing the shopping? Norwich Union's approach is to wait and see: it has paid for its position but is not committing another penny in any joint venture until the ambitious roll-out plan shows signs of success. Shareholders should do likewise.

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## Advertisers look beyond sex, booze and football

Sex, booze and football. For the past two decades advertisers have relied on these magic ingredients to sell products to young men. But they no longer reflect men's role in society. The rise in female power and women's increasing financial independence have destroyed many of the old stereotypes. Young women don't just want to be impressed by their boyfriend's car — they want to buy their own.

As men struggle to find a new role, marketers are asking whether their advertising hits the spot with the 18 to 25-year-olds. It is not a market they can afford to miss because young men have high disposable incomes compared with husbands and fathers, and

are more receptive to marketing messages than someone older and more confident.

The changing face of young men will be examined today at a one-day conference, *Men Behaviour Differently*, organised by *Marketing magazine*.

As men adjust to the rise in female power, advertisers are struggling to find a winning formula to replace sex, booze and football. So far their attempts have not been impressive. A popular current campaign is the portrayal of men having to choose between a product and a woman. The product wins every time.

McDonald's, KFC and Walkers Crisps are just a few of the advertisers to choose this route.

Trevor Beattie, creative director of GGT, the advertising agency, says that the approach is overused and totally unrealistic. "There's one ad claiming that men would rather have a chicken drumstick than a sauna with Ulrika Jonsson. Can we please have advertising that portrays the way the world is: men and women get on together."

It is a view backed by Rita Clifton, vice-chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, another speaker at today's conference. "In a world where men feel insecure, it is easy to understand why advertisers want to hark back to what men used to feel secure about. The idea of men getting their own back on women seems rather pathetic."



shows that men are more likely to respond to advertisements such as Peugeot's "Search for the Hero" television commercial, which shows men in varying roles, from the hero who saves the child from

a car accident to the husband who faints when his wife gives birth.

So what can companies do when their whole marketing ethos has been based around lad culture? Beer marketers have been hit hard as a mild bit of sexism went down quite well in the past. One particular TV commercial for Castlemain XXXX was a classic case. Two Australian men load up their truck with cans of lager and add a couple of bottles of sherry for the Sheila, but discard them when the truck becomes overloaded. In a world where young women match men pint for pint this is neither funny nor relevant.

Neither can beer advertisers appeal to the "sod women, the boys are going down the pub"

ethos because men are under increasing pressure to look good if they are going to attract a woman.

"Quite simply, it's not good enough to have a beer gut," said Rachel Walker of the agency Duckworth, Finn, Grubb, Waters.

As well as trying to capture the right image for young men, companies also have to be aware of how much men's media has changed. In the past two years sales of men's magazines have exploded. About four million men read them and they are generally well-educated, well-off, watch little television and want to be told what to do. "All men's magazines share a single objective — to tell their audience what to think and do and sell it as individuality,"

said Damian Blackden of Zenith Media.

There is still one ingredient that sells these magazines: sex. While sales of beer to young men decline and football becomes more family-oriented, sex is the one marketing approach that remains from the old era. But the use of sex has changed. These days it tends to be warmer, funnier and treats women as equals.

Saatchi & Saatchi's research shows that women are embracing their many different roles whereas men are anxious about the transition. But they will eventually come to terms with the changes. And companies that recognise these new men are far more likely to succeed.

## Big guns in Europe's defence industries told to adapt or die

**Michael Evans**  
on a mission  
to compete  
in the face of  
US military  
supremacy

Consolidate or die. George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, has now added his voice to the familiar Cassandra-like warnings given in recent years to the British and European defence industries that unless they rationalise, merge and consolidate they will find it impossible to compete in the international market against the leviathan corporations in the United States.

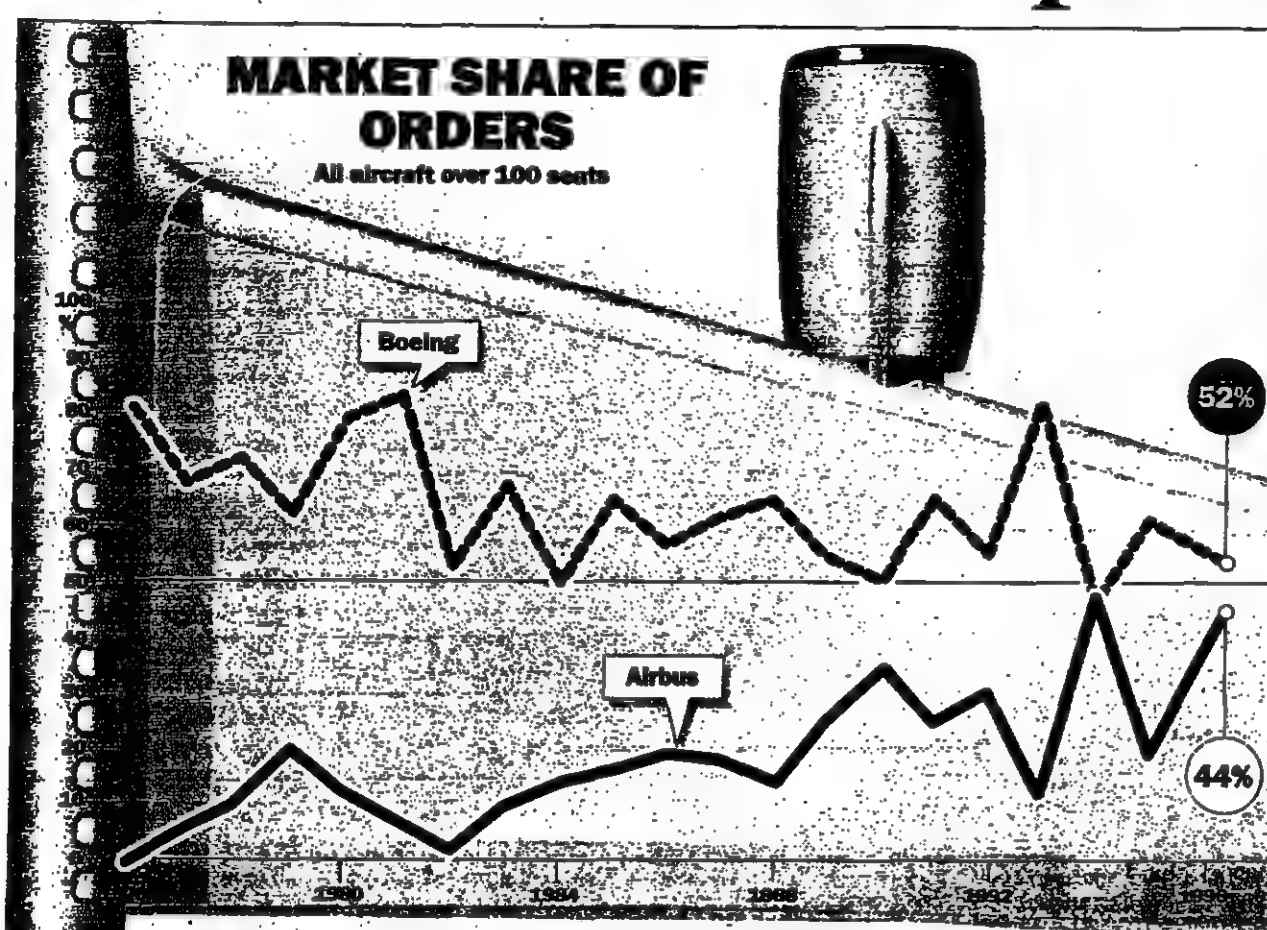
Since the defence industry in Britain is fully aware of the urgent need to take on the US giants in order to survive in the increasingly competitive export market, Mr Robertson's warning at a seminar in London organised by the Defence Industries Council, will not go unheeded.

The big guns in the British defence industry, such as Sir Richard Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, John Weston, joint managing director of BAE, and George Simpson, the new managing director of General Electric Company, have been advocating radical restructuring.

Sir Richard wants to forge mergers across Europe and, in the long term, he predicts the development of global defence companies. He sees it as his job to ensure that British Aerospace is still a big enough player to survive the changes that will inevitably come in the next 20 to 30 years.

The problem for the largest European defence companies is that the US has beaten them to it. The American giants moved so rapidly to forge seemingly unbeatable alliances that European partnership efforts have looked weak by comparison.

The result is that three or four American defence companies are now able to offer to the domestic and export market a complete range of military equipment, and with overheads and manning levels



cut back drastically, their products will be on sale at highly competitive prices.

Mr Robertson offered Government help to facilitate a similar restructuring throughout the European defence industry, but the main thrust for change will have to come from the defence companies themselves if they are going to compete with the Americans.

Airbus Industrie is often put forward as a prime example of how the major European aerospace companies have developed a successful partnership to take on the Americans in the civilian airline business. In 25 years, Airbus has "gone from nothing" to 44 per cent of the world sales of aircraft with more than 100 seats.

Yet even Airbus has been slow to adapt to the viciously competitive market by delaying internal restructuring that would produce a more streamlined and efficient organisation.

Airbus has been a partnership of British Aerospace, Dasa, Aerospatiale and Casa. It was only comparatively recently that agreement was reached to turn Airbus into a single company managing the

total assets. This will be achieved by 1999 and the intention is to increase the share of the market. "We've got to get to 50 per cent or die," one aerospace source said.

The £40 billion Eurofighter combat aircraft programme is another example where European collaboration has worked successfully but at a price. Again, four companies from four countries are involved, with each having a share of the work.

Inevitably, that involves duplication of effort, separate production lines in each country and all the political problems that arise from a marriage of industrial convenience where each partner has different domestic requirements and sensitivities.

There is little that the Government can do to force through rapid changes, other than to facilitate international agreements that can allow mergers or joint ventures. There was nothing in Mr Robertson's speech yesterday to indicate any secret desire on the part of the Labour Government to see a merger of Britain's two giant defence

companies, BAE and GEC. The two companies still talk almost daily of a possible merger but there is no sign of a breakthrough, except that Mr Simpson and Sir Richard look more compatible bedfellows than the BAE chief executive and Lord Weinstock, GEC's previous boss.

However, the warning from Mr Robertson is timely. For the Government's strategic defence review, which will not be finished until early in the new year, is intended not only to construct an appropriate foreign and defence policy for the next 15 years but also to establish a framework within which industry will find it easier to rationalise.

At present the US market is twice that of Europe's and yet Europe has twice the number of contractors. Effectively that means there is less for everybody to share. In a political era when defence budgets are more likely to drop than rise, there can no longer be any argument about the need for a radical restructuring of the

industry both in this country and throughout Europe. How much longer, for example, can Britain sustain three separate armoured vehicle companies — GKN, Alvis and Vickers?

One of the major obstacles to European mergers on a grand scale is France, which still hangs on desperately to its largely state-run and over-manned defence industry. The potentially fruitful merger of GEC and Thomson-CSF, the French electronics company, was blocked by the previous government and the Socialist administration of Lionel Jospin has also baulked at privatising Thomson and approving a marriage with GEC.

Yet the best way forward for Europe would be to forge multi-company mergers. A highly competitive grouping, for example, might include BAE with Dasa, Aerospatiale, Casa of Spain, Alenia of Italy and Saab of Sweden.

Once heavyweight European corporations have been formed, the onus would be on European Governments to award major contracts to these new companies to ensure their survival against their American rivals.



Simpson: pro-restructuring



Evans: favours mergers

### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### The wisdom of university funding

From Mr Brian Whittingham Sir, Graham Searjeant (Business News, October 3) adds his wisdom to the debate about the Labour Government's intention to make university education less freely available by the introduction of fees and the abolition of maintenance grants.

Historically, those intelligent and diligent enough to graduate generally obtained higher initial remuneration and accelerated promotion, thereby automatically contributing higher taxes.

If the universities are unable to meet their financial objectives, they should first of all address major weaknesses in the present system of tertiary education: academic entry requirements seem to have become far too lax and a significant minority in arts and miscellaneous studies faculties are able with impunity to waste time and taxpayers' money, only to fail with ignominy in their final year. All should face rigorous examinations at the end of the first year at least, as do science undergraduates.

Student loans are obnoxious for several reasons: they only affect those from less affluent backgrounds and could well deter many students of good academic potential from applying to continue their studies. The financial burden of long-term debt could even add to the tragic number of undergraduate suicides. On starting a career, the young graduate may be unable to obtain a mortgage (as also reported in your columns). Those intending to emigrate rather than contribute to the national economy, could very possibly do so without first reimbursing what they may regard as an unfair tax. Maybe future clergy would be unable to study Divinity on campus.

Without maintenance grants, students may have to opt for an alma mater within commuting distance from home, thereby losing much of the benefit of extra-curricular activities and free exchange of ideas with other intelligent young people.

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#### New buses are typical of increased investment

From the Director-General, Confederation of Passenger Transport UK

Sir, The order for a hundred new low-floor double-deck buses will be welcomed by Londoners — but they are by no means the first new double-deckers in the privatised fleet as your correspondent claims ("Trinity wins £12 million bus order", October 3).

In the last year alone, over 300 have been placed in service around the capital. A typical example of the increased investment in new, high-quality vehicles that commercialisation of the industry has brought about.

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**I THINK  
I MAY HAVE  
BEEN SACKED.**

**ambiguous n.** 1 person who writes the wrong word equally well with the right and left hands  
2 words in a contract which have an obscure or double meaning.

**constructive dismissal n.** 1 a mass firing of modern architects (after monstrous carbuncle) 2 indirect dismissal.

**compensation n.** 1 that pleasurable feeling when the cheque arrives in the post 2 payment made by someone to cover the cost of damage or hardship which has been caused.

**mediation n.** 1 gathering of camera crews outside celebrity's home (after minor indiscretion) 2 attempt by a third party to make the two sides in an argument agree.

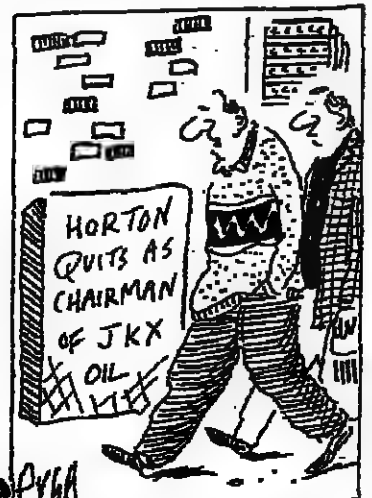
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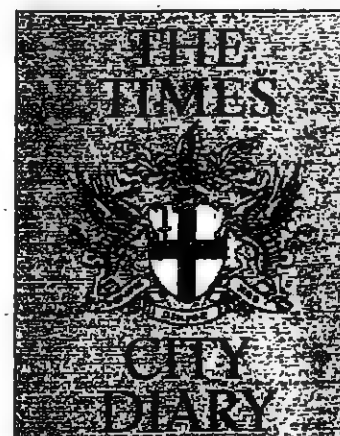
IN A couple of weeks the agony of waiting will be over. Howard Davies will announce the name of the new City regulator, and a nation's hearts can start to beat again. Farewell super-SIB, which is what we have all been calling it, and goodbye NewRo, the name the various regulators being shoe-horned into the new body have been trying to make us use. But I hear the name has been chosen, and the front-runner is... the FINANCIAL REGULATORY GROUP!



"With all the train delays, he was finding it difficult to get to work on time"

Oh, yes, that was my first reaction. One of the big City lawyers had a competition to name it, and they came up with some pretty dull attempts, but the regulators will have surpassed even these if they go for this one. The Financial Regulatory Group. Because it is a group of financial regulators, you see. One can think of no other logical explanation. The Financial Regulatory Group. Thud. The FRG. It is not too late to change your mind, Mr Davies. Call it Nimrod, fearless hunter of financial miscreants. Call it Hercules, achiever of the impossible, cleanser of the Augean stables of City impropriety. Let your imagination soar, Mr Davies. Your current best choice is FRG-ing awful.

• NICE to know they are keeping their spirits up at BZW. Yesterday was the start of the roadshows to sell Telecom Italia, the biggest-ever privatisation outside Japan and worth £15 billion. BZW is the global co-ordinator and decided to make it a "thematic day" at Canary Wharf. As opposed to Friday, which was a traumatic day, I suppose. The menu in the staff canteen was adjusted accordingly — "we've got pasta coming out of our ears," said Charles Kirwan-Taylor, who heads the Telecom Italia team. There were plenty of Italian flags flying. There was a gondola



on the trading floor dishing out ice cream. How on earth did they get one of those onto the trading floor? "It isn't a full-sized gondola," says Kirwan-Taylor-pitifully.

### Bitter blow

THE blessed backlash against those hideous alcopops, which has prompted warnings from Merrydown and Bass that the under-fives are going off the stuff, has claimed another victim. "Due to the enormous amount of bad publicity surrounding the Split Drink Company (funny, I had never heard of it either) and the products it manufactured," directors have had to call in the receiver. Seven people have lost their jobs.

The letter comes from someone

called John Philpott at 21st Century Drinks. Split Drink had the UK rights for "Jammin'" (the Alcoholic Caribbean Crush) — the company's own illiterate spelling, please note. Call Split Drink and a cagey woman answers the phone: "21st Century Drinks". Are you the same as Split Drink, then? "Indirectly." And Mr Philpott, who was managing director of Split and who also runs 21st Century? "He's in meetings all day." But help is at hand for those hooked on Jammin'. Distribution rights have been passed to — yes, 21st Century Drinks. Meanwhile creditors of his other company are invited to a meeting next week. Bring your own bottle.

• I HAVE high hopes of the latest huge business tome to reach my desk. Even More Offensive Marketing, by Hugh Davidson. Lavishly illustrated with examples, perhaps? My hopes are dashed. It is a sequel to the classic text, it says here, Offensive Marketing, as in marketing that is not defensive. Whatever that means.

### Dark clouds

A STORM front has blown up between the Met Office and Piers Corbyn, who I understand is a freelance weather forecaster as well as brother of the MP Jeremy Corbyn. He is floating his Weather Action on AIM to raise £1 million. The date was to have been October 15, tenth anniversary of the Great Storm, but they seem to have missed it. The Times

Higher Education Supplement, no less, ran a piece praising Corbyn's skills as better than the Met Office's. This has attracted a letter from the Met experts, who reckon that it is impossible to forecast almost a year in advance, as Corbyn's company claims to do.

His response is to point to the £10,000 a year he bets at William Hill, based on his own forecasts, with a success rate of 60 per cent. To calculate the odds the bookmaker uses Met Office data. Corbyn's argument is only slightly weakened by his forecast for September: stormy and wet.

MARTIN WALLER



Piers Corbyn bets £10,000 a year on his own weather forecasts at William Hill



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## Equities halve earlier losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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## BRIEFINGS

More than eight out of ten firms pay their bills late, according to a survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information service. Fewer than 10 per cent of large businesses pay their bills on time. However, it is small businesses that are the worst culprits for very late payments: one in ten pays more than 30 days late.

A survey of 2,500 companies by the British Chamber of Commerce provides further evidence that businesses could stand a minimum wage of £3. Only 7 per cent said they would be affected at that level, while 45 per cent would be affected by a £4 rate and 61 per cent by a £4.25 minimum wage. While 58 per cent threaten to shed operations to meet a minimum wage, 55 per cent reckon they can raise the price of goods and services.

A directory of business clubs is now on the Internet and is continually updated. The address of the Website, which is run by the Durham Business Club, is <http://www.businessclub.co.uk>.

The minimum fixed-rate and variable-rate loan from NatWest corporate banking services has been lowered from £100,000 to £25,000.

## Rodney Hobson on Business Links' future and how one of them makes bright ideas pay

## Minister to boost help for small firms

BARBARA ROCHE, the Trade Minister responsible for small businesses, will today unveil her vision for the future of Business Links. Her message will be that she wants to raise the standard of help given to small and medium-sized businesses by the one-stop shops.

She aims to introduce within six months a range of professional standards of competence for all those providing advice and services through Business Links.

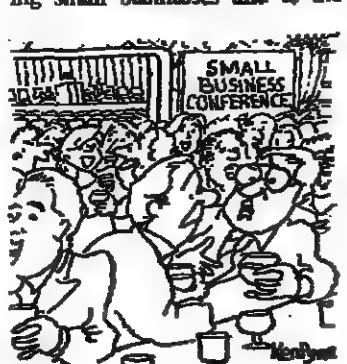
The minister will also work with the Institute of Directors to ensure that Business Link board members have the necessary skills and knowledge. A framework will be in place by early next year.

Mrs Roche will tell the Business Links national conference at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham: "The general impression is that a lot of good work has been done by Business Links, but it has been a bit patchy."

She will also answer a criticism that she herself made when Labour was in opposition — that small businesses do not have sufficient say in the running of Business Links. She will tell her audience

that all Business Links will be required to have an independent representative from the small and medium-sized business sector.

Mrs Roche launched consultations upon taking office in May. Although she inherited the Business Links network from the previous Government, it is clear that she intends to develop the service rather than tear it apart. She has talked to organisations representing small businesses and to the



"If you tell anybody you're booming they either hate you for it or call you a liar!"

partners backing Business Links. She will tell her audience today that Business Links recognise that they cannot stand still.

Business Links will be required to show that they are entrepreneurial and have credibility among local businesses, the minister will say.

From next April, league tables will be published comparing the performance of Business Links and the effects that their services have on the productivity, profitability and export performance of firms that they help. Mrs Roche's message will be: "Firms have a right to know what they can expect from each local Business Link."

A national customer service statement will be issued in January. To ensure that it is adhered to, a Business Links complaints hotline will be set up.

The Department of Trade and Industry is to fund development of centres of expertise so that one Business Link could provide specialist services for customers of several Business Links.

At the end of this month, a network of regional video conferencing centres will be launched.

## Removing the cash barrier for inventors

LONE inventors with bright ideas but no cash will have a chance to exploit their ideas commercially through a new scheme launched by Business Link Hampshire.

Although the organisation's prime aim is to help businesses in the county, it says it will listen to queries from outside. If the scheme is successful it will be a model for the whole country.

It will link inventors with universities and marketing and manufacturing groups to develop prototypes and take the idea through to production. The experts will not be paid for their services but will have a stake in the commercial success of the invention.

Contact Hampshire Innovation Service on 01495 354555, reference the Virtual Company.

A Business Link London Central has published a series of guides to protecting valuable business information. They cover brand names, logos, trademarks, patents and data protection. Contact Angela Langford on 0171-316 1020.



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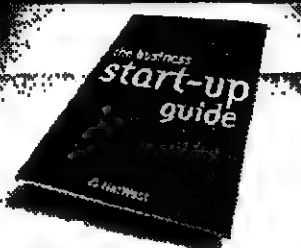
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Chris Barton attempts to unravel the tangle of competing claims for family rights



Lisa Grant, right, celebrates with Jill Percy after winning a European Court ruling that her partner was entitled to travel concessions from her employer

## Gays, fathers and equality

The European Court of Justice last week gave a preliminary ruling that same-sex couples are entitled to the same job perks as unmarried heterosexual partners.

Lisa Grant, a 30-year-old railway clerk, brought the case after her employer, South West Trains, refused to give her partner, Jill Percy, the same free travel concessions granted to other workers' husbands, wives or "common-law opposite-sex spouses". But in an opinion which could benefit 25 million people across Europe, the Advocate-General of the court declared it was a breach of EU law for an employer to deny equal rights to lesbians.

Later the same day, the Prime Minister told the Labour Party conference that his concern for the modern family was "not about preaching to individuals about their private lives". Are some of our presently "illegal" families about to achieve official approval?

Ten years ago the Law Commission was canvassing for automatic recognition of unmarried fathers, while same-sex marriage was unheard of; today, the former has become politically unfashionable while the latter is said to have the support of the Conservative Leader of the Opposition. In the meantime, surrogate, assisted and lesbian parenthood, and cohabitant adoption, have all found a place on the agenda.

Ironically, traditional family law is mainly concerned

with the ending of relationships, while the new groupings ask only the right to create, or to maintain, the family structure of their choice. Similarly, the number in these "would-be" households is unlikely to match the half-million or so unfortunates whose divorces, parents' divorces, care proceedings etc. bring them annually before the "family" courts.

Increasing numbers of heterosexuals expect to enjoy the advantages of marriage despite their rejection of wedlock — yet wedlock is not a choice available to homosexuals.

This discrimination against gays was at the heart of the recent Luxembourg decision, although the Advocate-General seemed to indicate that the company involved could, with impunity, under European law, have restricted its concessions to married partners only.

It may help to know that even in the growing number of countries where gays can achieve marriage-like status, it is commonplace, as in Denmark and Sweden, to exclude the capacity to adopt. Few cultures may be ready to place surplus babies with same-sex couples when the opportunity exists to supply such children with both a mother and father.

That aside, the arguments for gay marriage are beginning to appeal to most. In America, Congressman Gerry

Studds calls the ban the final bulwark to civil rights in this area since slaves and mixed-race couples obtained the right to marry. Many of the same reasons for encouraging marriage between men and women also apply to gays — fidelity (particularly in the Aids era), duty of mutual support, and one claim for income support per couple.

**Few cultures may yet be prepared to place surplus babies with same-sex couples**

(gay couples are not currently treated as "living together" for the social services).

Cohabiting couples, of whatever gender, are not allowed to make joint adoption applications — these have remained the preserve of marrieds from the original 1926 legislation to the current Adoption Act. And there may be good reasons: recent research shows that such partnerships are four or more times more likely to break up than are marriages. When cohabitants do part, they cannot invoke the divorce court's power of financial relief. Perhaps adoption should therefore remain unavailable even where the child is born to one of the unmarried partners.

Unmarried fathers and their children — whose num-

bers increase by some 200,000 each year — together represent the supreme example of an existing but legally unrecognised relationship. Until recently these men were seen as evaders of financial responsibility, a disgrace largely ended by the Family Law Reform Act 1987 and the Child Support Act 1991-95. But this "equality" with married fathers was not extended to an automatic recognition of their positive paternal role, now sought by "new" men. Only Parliament can oblige them, and perhaps because of the strife suffered by recent governments over the implementation of the Family Law Act 1996, of recent reforms, the issue did not feature in any pre-election manifestos.

Yet the arguments are strong. Only the father and the child — never the mother — are punished for a parental rejection of marriage; a social two-parent family is being treated as a one-parent family in law; the mother's death (or departure) leaves the child with a father who lacks parental responsibility; and it is fundamental that married fathers retain parental status even on desertion and/or divorce.

The distinction — between the recognition of existing relationships and the making or taking of children to create a brand new family — is particularly relevant to the gay parenthood debate. Middle-Englanders, fairer-minded than they are often given credit for, might not accept the placing of adoptive children with a gay couple when mixed-sex couples are queuing up to house the youngsters in question. Furthermore, some Middle-Englanders might not want to pay for the impregnation of one, or both, of a lesbian pair. But taking away a child from a same-sex couple — to join the adoption pool or to go into local authority care — for no reason other than the adults' sexuality, is surely another matter. This may be particularly true if the youngster is the natural issue of one of them and the other parent is neither innately more suited to, or desirous of, housing "his" offspring.

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## Those who moon feel gravity's force

Last month the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, dismissed Josie Lewis as a magistrate because she had "failed to uphold the dignity, standing and good reputation of the magistracy". Miss Lewis was not accused of falling asleep on the Swindon bench, causing some gross injustice, or displaying any of the other courtroom vices that can afflict even the best of judges. Her injudicious conduct was more fundamental: she had exposed her backside during an argument with a stable owner.

In April, Miss Lewis wished to remove some property from the stables in Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, owned by Brian Woodfield. They disagreed about her right to do so. To obtain evidence, Mr Woodfield began to take photographs. Miss Lewis dropped her breeches and mooned at him. Mr Woodfield's camera does not lie, and he obtained photographs of the bare truth. Instead of turning the other cheek, Mr Woodfield sent the snaps to the Lord Chancellor with a letter of complaint. After looking at the matter from all angles, the Lord Chancellor's Department has now decided to dismiss Miss Lewis from the bench.

Judges and magistrates occasionally misbehave in ways that demonstrate their manifest unsuitability to pass judgment on others. An extreme example is the case of David Lanier, a judge from Tennessee. In March, the US Supreme Court upheld his conviction, and a 25-year jail sentence, for sexual assaults committed from 1989 to 1991 in his judicial chambers on a number of women, including two of his secretaries, and a mother fighting a custody battle for her child. The jury had rejected his defence that he was a "hugging-type" person. Judge Lanier is now the subject of a nationwide hunt across the US.

Other recent American cases recognise that sanctions may have to be imposed on judges for misconduct in court. Last year the Supreme Court of Michigan suspended a judge for three days without pay because he "instigated a confrontational exchange" with counsel in court, "made caustic comments in an abusive tone" and showed "a total lack of self-control and an antagonistic mindset predisposed to unfavourable disposition" of the hearing.

Other examples of courtroom misconduct may fall on the other side of the line. The Court of Judicial Discipline of Pennsylvania decided, in 1996, that a district judge should not suffer disciplinary sanctions for being late in returning from lunch on isolated occasions.

What judges do out of court may make

professional sanctions inevitable. In 1995, the Court of Appeals of New York removed a civil court judge from office because she had given advice at home to a drug dealer on how to launder the proceeds of his trade, and had looked after his money, for which she accepted \$1,500.

Also in 1995, the Supreme Court of Florida issued a reprimand to a judge who had responded to the receipt of a parking ticket by warning the police officer responsible that "I'll be on the bench for four more years and you'll have to deal with me every time you come to court with a case".

After the dismissal of Miss Lewis as a magistrate, Mr Woodfield expressed his delight. "It's not fitting," he said, "for someone who can send people to jail to act in such a manner." What standards should be imposed on magistrates is a perennial topic of debate. In his 1979 study, *The Changing Image of the Magistracy*, Sir Thomas Skyrme (who had responsibility for magistrates from within the Lord Chancellor's Department) noted that until the 1960s, a justice who was cited as a co-respondent in divorce proceedings normally had to resign. The same requirement was imposed on three women magistrates in the 1970s whose husbands were convicted of offences relating to the Poulton corruption affair in the North East.

The bottom line is that, at worst, Miss Lewis was silly and rude on an isolated occasion, and she exposed herself to criticism by her inability to express her feelings in a more articulate manner. But she caused no injury to Mr Woodfield (other than, perhaps, to his sense of self-importance). The police took no action. If the magistracy is to consist only of people who have never acted in a manner which, on sober reflection, they would regret, the ranks of JPs will be thinned down to a few Mother Teresas. Do we really want cases to be determined by a bench stripped of anyone who does not conform to the highest standards of propriety?

The Lord Chancellor's Department has taken a bum point. No action was needed against Miss Lewis, except to warn her against further mooning (if only because of the risk to her health on a windy day). The department should have returned Mr Woodfield's photographs, with thanks, with the suggestion that he may wish, in the words of Tommy Steele in *Half a Sixpence*, to stick them in his family album.

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A campaign leaflet issued by the Westminster Supporters' Group on the eve of the High Court appeal, which began last week, repeated Private Eye's revelation that Sir David Keene, one of the judges due to hear the appeal, was the friend of Tony Blair who lent the Prime Minister his 12th-century French chateau over the summer.

**Writ-ten off**

JOURNALISTS are the latest group to be hit by escalating court fees. The Queen's Bench Division of the High Court has ended its policy of allowing them to travel through boxes of writs for £20 an hour in search of a good story and will instead charge £5 to allow them to see each writ. One

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freelance, Sarah Limbrick, told Press Gazette, the trade magazine for journalists: "There is no way you could look at 37,000 writs a year multiplied by £5."

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COLLYER-BRISTOW is staging an exhibition by the painter Hans Feibusch, who, at 99, is still creating. The exhibition opens at the law firm's Bedford Row gallery next Tuesday and runs until November 13. Feibusch has worked in England since he fled here in 1933. But only since he saw *Shoah*, the 1995 film about the Holocaust, has he made paintings about it.

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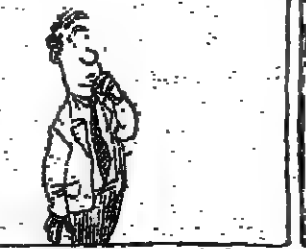
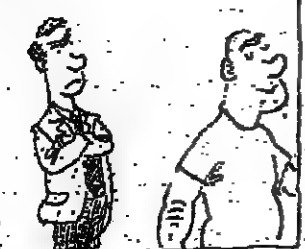
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Love can never be unconditional for a multimillionaire, says James Zirin

# Playing the trump card in divorce

When Donald and Ivana Trump announced their celebrated break-up in 1990, a financial journalist wrote: "The 1980s ended when Drexel filed for bankruptcy. The circle is virtually complete with the 1990s all but ended: Drexel's head, Michael Milken, who served two years in prison for securities fraud, is all but rehabilitated, and the Trumps are all but divorced — the Marla Maples Trumps, that is."

Mr Trump achieved recognition in the 1980s as a brash master builder with a Midas touch who appeared to lead a charmed life surrounded by money, glitz and a beautiful blonde wife. By 1990, his fortunes had taken a turn for the worse. The bottom fell out of the property market, there were adverse changes in the tax laws and he was said to be \$8.8 million in debt.

Ivana, on the other hand, was portrayed as the big winner. She published a roman à clef entitled *For Love Alone*, a spicy story of a beautiful model who marries a tycoon only to lose him to another woman. She also received \$25 million from her husband under their prenuptial agreement. Mr Trump says he is a "great prenup believer". "You have to have them," he told the TV interviewer Larry King recently, "even though they are nasty documents."

American courts will generally enforce prenuptial agreements in the absence of fraud, duress or overreaching. Basically, they allow those embarking on matrimony to divide property and provide for their respective rights and obligations in the event of divorce. While prenups may dull romance, they are strongly recom-

**'It is unfair being married to Donald Trump,' he says, 'since business comes first'**

mended by matrimonial lawyers if there is any significant property involved. Mr Trump did not like Ivana's book. He claimed it breached a clause in their postnuptial agreement that "without obtaining (the husband's) written consent in advance, (the wife) shall not directly or indirectly publish, or cause to be published, any diary, memoir, letter, story, photograph, interview, article, essay, account or description or depiction of any kind whatsoever, whether fictionalised or not, concerning her marriage to (the husband) or any other aspect of (the husband's) personal, business or financial affairs, or assist or provide information to others in connection with the publication or dissemination of any such material or excerpts thereof."

(My italics). An appellate court in New York upheld the validity of this gag clause, and Mr Trump's lawyers said he wanted his money back, or at least a lien on the book proceeds. The matter was eventually settled out of court.

In the 1990s Mr Trump's fortunes revived as he restructured his businesses and his personal life. The New York City property market heated up, and Mr Trump sold his apartment buildings like hot cakes for up to \$1,000 (about £64) a square foot.

Post-divorce, he entered into the mandatory prenup and eventually married another blonde, the actress Marla Maples, already the mother of his child. Marla also succeeded Ivana as hostess of the Trump-sponsored Miss Universe pageant — but time was running out for her. A clause in the prenup provided that on divorce she would get a paltry \$25 million, subject to escalation after a certain number of years of marriage. To avoid the



Before the split Trump weds his second wife Marla Maples in 1993

escalator, Mr Trump had to give timely notice of intention to divorce. He did, and Marla was history. More restructuring at the Trump Palace.

Olivia Goldsmith, author of *The First Wives Club*, bewails the "disastrous changes in divorce laws over the last two decades [that] have not only failed to protect many wives financially but also given them no emotional succour". Mrs Goldsmith, however, was not addressing prenups where, by agreement, spousal services are valued and capped in fierce bargaining sessions held in lawyers' offices.

Marla has hired Ivana's divorce lawyer to try to invalidate the prenup, and Mr Trump has promised to play "hardball". But if she tries to upset the deal, his settlement with Marla promises to be another Trump triumph.

As a result of his profitable Atlantic City interests and a booming economy, Mr Trump in the

1990s was sitting with a pile of cash, substantially from fees he receives for managing hotel and casino properties. His debt load had been greatly reduced — largely by selling properties to public companies he controls. Forbes estimated his net worth at \$1.4 billion, although Mr Trump disputes the figure. "The real number," he says, "is \$3.7 billion." And he had reduced his cost of divorce tenfold from \$25 million to \$2.5 million.

Mr Trump believes he has been married to "two wonderful women". He blames his marriage failures on his devotion to his business. "It is unfair being married to Donald Trump," he says, "since business comes first." He is bringing out a new book, *The Art of Comeback*. Meanwhile, he is not without a successor in the world of promotion. His daughter, Ivanka, 15 and already embarked on a promising modelling career, is co-hosting another of his beauty pageants, Miss Teen USA.

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## Wanted: mandarin for the new millennium

Valerie Elliott reports on the Lord Chancellor's search for a top legal adviser



Sir Thomas: due to retire



Dame Barbara: candidate?

A change in the law to widen the field of candidates who could become the next senior civil servant at the Lord Chancellor's Department (LCD) is being planned by the Government.

The problem is that, unlike other senior appointments in Whitehall, the qualifications for the job are laid down in statute. He must either be a lawyer of ten years' standing — a barrister or solicitor — or must have served as an official in the department for five years.

Ministers are concerned that the rules are too rigid and that a number of Whitehall high-flyers are not eligible for the post.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the Lord Chancellor, is understood to have told colleagues he wants to ensure that he has the best candidate for the post and therefore needs the widest choice. He apparently believes the present law is "too restrictive".

The decision is all the more important because Lord Irvine is one of Tony Blair's key lieutenants and is charged with a heavy Cabinet committee workload.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the former Lord Chancellor, recognised that the growth of the department might require a more experienced Whitehall administrator and attempted to reform the qualifications for the post in the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. For the first time a non-lawyer would be eligible for any vacancy, but he or she would have had to work in the department for five years.

Another reason for the change in the law is that there are very few lawyers at Permanent Secretary level in Whitehall these days. Ministers also believe that experienced and well-qualified lawyers in private practice would have no incentive to give up a lucrative career for a salary of a Permanent Secretary, which can vary from £90,000 up to £154,000 a year.

The man regarded as the heir-apparent to Sir Thomas Legg, QC, is Michael Huebner, currently chief executive of the Court Service Agency.

But another contender could be Ian Burns, the head of policy at the LCD, although at 58 he may be thought too old. Another name being floated is that of Dame

acts as a conduit between ministers and senior judges, and must recommend names for top appointments to the judiciary.

It is also an unusual post because, unlike other mandarins who have to retire at 60, the chief adviser to the Lord Chancellor can stay on until he is 62. If the Lord Chancellor requests it, the official can also stay on until his or her 65th birthday.

The retirement of Sir Thomas has not been officially announced, but it is believed that he has agreed to stay until next year to hand over the work to his replacement.

A senior Whitehall source says: "Ministers want the widest possible choice to find someone who can modernise the department and carry it into the next millennium."

Remember, too, that Lord Irvine's remit is much wider than that of previous Lord Chancellors. He has a heavy workload chairing Cabinet committees and must be more politically astute to the ways of Whitehall. He needs more than an effective judicial secretary.

The post of Lord Chancellor's Permanent Secretary was created in 1885 at a time when his office consisted of just five officials and was based in the House of Lords. Today there are some 11,500 staff working in the department or in agencies, such as the Court Service, reporting to ministers.

The special position at the LCD has been raised with ministers and senior officials who have been discussing the line-up of senior mandarins to lead Whitehall into the next century. A spate of vacancies at Permanent Secretary level is providing a unique opportunity for Mr Blair to stamp his personal style on the government machine.

The priority is to select a new Permanent Secretary at the Home Office to replace Sir Richard Wilson, who takes over from Sir Robin Butler as Cabinet Secretary in January.

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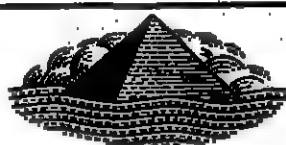
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RACING: HANDICAPPER RATES SUNDAY'S IMPRESSIVE ARC WINNER BELOW DANCING BRAVE

## Peintre Celebre put in perspective

By CHRIS McGRATH

OLD masters never depreciate whatever new darlings the avant-garde discover — and those who acclaimed Peintre Celebre's brilliant win in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday were yesterday cautioned to retain their sense of perspective.

The vogue in Paris was to rank Peintre Celebre with the great Arc winners, to invoke the memory of Mill Reef and Sea Bird II. The official verdict on his achievement tempers such comparisons, rating the colt's defeat of Pilsudski as inferior to the performance of Dancing Brave in 1986. At the same time, it does suggest him to be one of the outstanding middle-distance horses of the last 20 years, akin to El Gran Senor and Generous.

After conferring with his international colleagues in France yesterday, Nigel Gray, the senior British handicapper, gave his blessing to an initial rating of 136. That affords Peintre Celebre parity with Suave Dan, the 1991 winner, though both remain respectfully short of Dancing Brave on 141.

The defining characteristic of all three is a lethal turn of foot, in contrast to the unyielding gallop of Helissio, who earned a mark of 134 — and, it should be remembered, similar rapture — when likewise beating Pilsudski by five lengths 12 months ago. Helissio was below his best when fading into sixth on Sunday, but Oscar Schindler and Swain did offer a solid

base for the handicappers' rumination by reproducing, virtually to the pound, their efforts the previous autumn.

"We are basing our figure on Pilsudski's two runs prior to his win over a shorter trip in Ireland, which were rated 128 and 129," Gray said. "We don't feel that he matched the figure of 135 he achieved over ten furlongs in the Irish Champion Stakes." Gray demonstrated how this reading lends a satisfying symmetry to the race, as various horses through the field can then be seen to have run very close to

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indecent haste to indulge themselves at stud certainly does the sport a great service. Until Sunday, it had been a vintage season for older horses. Their spectacular eclipse gives due confidence to the instinct that Peintre Celebre is a special animal.

One of them, fourth-placed Oscar Schindler, is likely to return to Longchamp on October 26 for the Prix Royal-Oak (French St. Leger), and then head to Hollywood Park for the Breeders' Cup Turf.

Both on the course and at the sales, something of a stand is being made by the sports established order, and not merely in the shape of Peintre Celebre's octogenarian owner, Daniel Wildenstein.

Michael Tabor, whose colours have been so suddenly dominant over the past three years, has encountered some unfamiliar reverses in recent days, notably with the juvenile colts who had been enjoying a seeming monopoly of ante-post betting on next year's 2,000 Guineas.

Defeat for Kilmarjaro and Arkle, and minor surgery for King of Kings has put the onus firmly on Second Empire to look the part in his next outing. That will be in either the Grand Criterium at Longchamp on Sunday or the Thoroughbred Corporation Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket six days later. Either way, he may be measured against the performance of the exciting Duck Row in a conditions race at Ascot on Saturday.



Peintre Celebre return in triumph after their outstanding Arc success

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# In one month your team can win you £1,000

## The story so far...

Another month of Interactive Team Football has passed... And I still haven't won any money. It's a marathon, not a sprint. It's who's top at the end of the season that counts. Stop talking like a manager; that's my job. Plus it's not true in ITF. Apart from the £50,000, there's a monthly prize of £1,000. Which I've missed again. Haven't you even won a pair of tickets to a premier league game? That must have about the same cash value. Not far off; and anyway, you have to be a youth... No chance there, then... or a woman or a student to win the monthly mini-league prizes. I thought you were a student of life. Doesn't count, I'm afraid. But you've definitely been doing your homework. I'm impressed by your knowledge of the system. What else have you found out? That I'm 20,000th in the overall standings. Worse than Barnsley. Worse than Doncaster. Worse than your Sunday league team in all probability — but that isn't too bad, you know. How do you mean? Well, there are hundreds of thousands of competitors involved in ITF this season. 20,000th is actually pretty good. Somewhere near the top ten percent, I should think. So more Derby than Doncaster, as it turns out. In a way. More Manchester United than Barnsley, in fact? You could say so. In line for a place in Europe? Let's not get carried away. There are 19,999 managers above you, after all. Maybe there are now — but wait till the soft grounds come along! That's the spirit. But speaking of grounds, what's been happening out on the park, as you managers say? Didn't I catch a glimpse of your man Babayaro playing for Chelsea the other day? In that European game? Yes, another full-back playing in midfield. Quite a feature of Chelsea this season. Still hasn't played a league game though, has he? Not as such. Phew. So he hasn't been booked or sent off. That's the other main feature of Chelsea this season. You could have sold him before the revaluation. I thought about it. But better the devil you know... Or the one you haven't seen play...



## ITF winners are celebrating their monthly prizes this week

TODAY we announce the monthly ITF prize-winners for September. The overall winner, Keith Farhall, of Horsham in West Sussex, receives £1,000, a signed Mitre football and a Mitre sports bag and tickets to a premier league game of his choice; winners of the mini-leagues receive tickets, a football and a sports bag.

He has discarded one or two Leeds United defenders with whom he began the season, but sounds like George Graham when discussing the secrets of his success: "All my teams are built on solid defence. Most of my teams have David Seaman in goal, and another Arsenal defender — they're not going to give away

goals. And you couldn't go wrong with Berg and Pallister." Up front, half of the Paolo Negri-Chris Sutton dream ticket was in place from the beginning. "Negri I thought was a giveaway at the start of the season at £3.5 million (he has since been revalued, and would now cost £6.5 million). I had him in virtually every team." Mr Farhall is a believer in using the transfer market to its full potential, and a keen student of form. "Andy Smith of Dundermine did well last season," he said. "There are quite a few bargains around in Scotland."

You can still enter ITF via The Times Website ([www.thetimes.co.uk](http://www.thetimes.co.uk)), via LineOne or via Sky Sports Interactive (Sky Text page 118). Please note that some features such as mini-leagues may not be available on these platforms.

To find out your points total and ranking call the ITF helpline on 0891 884 643

## HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

All 1997-8 matches in the FA Cup, FA Cup, FA Cup, Scottish League premier division and Tarran Scottish Cup count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS AWARDED	
Goalkeeper	Striker
Keeps clean sheet (per half) +3 points	Scores goal +2 points
Saves goal +2 points	All players
Saves penalty +2 points	On winning side +1 point
Full back/Central defender	Appearance? +10 bonus points
Keeps clean sheet +3 points	Scores hat-trick +3 points
Saves goal +3 points	Manager
Midfield player	Wins +3 points
Keeps clean sheet +3 points	Draws +1 point
Saves goal +3 points	

POINTS DEDUCTED	
Goalkeeper	Booked -1 point
Concedes goal -2 points	Concedes penalty -1 point
Full back/Central defender	Misses penalty -1 point
Keeps clean sheet -1 point	Scores own goal -1 point
All players	Manager
Sent off -3 points	Team loses -1 point

\* Must have played a complete half in the match to earn +3 points  
\* Must have played for 15 minutes in the match  
\* Must have played for 45 minutes in the match

## FAXBACK: YOUR UP-TO-DATE TEAM SCORES

The brand new Times Faxback service provides you with a complete results sheet of your team, showing current and total scores, dates, times and details of transfers, as well as your position in the ITF League and, if appropriate, your mini-league (women's, students, youth). Scores and transfer confirmations are updated by 12 noon on the day following a match or matches.

Make sure you have your ten-digit PIN number ready when you call. To obtain an ITF Team Faxback, simply pick up the handset of the fax machine and dial the telephone number below. If your fax does not have a handset, attach a handset or press the on-hook or telephone button instead and dial the number below. Listen carefully to the instructions and press the appropriate buttons when asked. Calls cost £1 per minute and are available in the UK only.

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## LEAGUE UPDATES

ITF LEAGUE	PFA PLAYERS' LEAGUE
£50,000 top prize £2,000 weekly prize	Professionalists choose their fantasy team
STUDENTS' LEAGUE	YOUTH LEAGUE
Monthly prize of £1,000, a signed football and sports bag	Monthly prize of £1,000, a signed football and sports bag
WOMEN'S LEAGUE	
Monthly prize of £1,000, a signed football and sports bag	

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

1 S Whitfield	266	266
2 H Irvine	265	265
3 L Chadleigh	264	264
4 EE Hughes	263	263
5 S Webb	262	262
6 P Johnston	261	261
7 M Parnott	260	260
8 J Gardner	259	259
9 S Catchpole	258	258
10 E Snowe	257	257
11 O Hodge	256	256
12 L Hall	255	255
13 A Fraser	254	254
14 A Hembrow	253	253
15 C Kelly	252	252
16 C McKee	251	251
17 M Jess	250	250
18 B Sharp	249	249
19 J Birnhead	248	248

## STUDENTS' LEAGUE

1 N Wheatley	292	292
2 N Wheatley	288	288
3 P Henson	287	287
4 Z Tizer	286	286
5 D Barber	285	285
6 I McGill	284	284
7 N Wheatley	283	283
8 D Legg	282	282
9 N Lamb	281	281
10 S Jobburn	280	280
11 R Riley	279	279
12 M Constable	278	278
13 J Gardner	277	277
14 J Wincan	276	276
15 C Dwyer	275	275
16 N Prior	274	274
17 P Kelsey	273	273
18 R Wood	272	272
19 S Lee	271	271
20 S Bell	270	270

## YOUTH LEAGUE

1 G Calderbank	273	273
2 R Wickie	272	272
3 S Bird	271	271
4 M McPhillips	270	270
5 J John	269	269
6 D Legg	268	268
7 B Wilson	267	267
8 T Langran	266	266
9 S Banfield	265	265
10 A Ward	264	264
11 A Hilbert	263	263
12 E Sworley	262	262
13 J Gardner	261	261
14 R Davidson	260	260
15 D Phillips	259	259
16 S Wilson	258	258
17 T Smith	257	257
18 C Whiston	256	256
19 M Roberts	255	255
20 C Mariawicz	254	254

## ITF LEAGUE

1 Mr D Edbrooke Stainer	316	316
2 Peter McDermott	315	315
3 Allison Scammon	314	314
4 J W Goody	313	313
5 S Legg	312	312
6 Mrs Sheila Bortland	311	311
7 K Farhall	310	310
8 Mr M Jones	309	309
9 K Farhall	308	308
10 D Storer	307	307
11 Mr S Legg	306	306
12 Mike Hutchinson	305	305
13 V Cox	304	304
14 Mr I Smith	303	303
15 Muzand	302	302
16 R Calder	301	301
17 Mr TA Richards	300	300
18 S Legg	299	299
19 N Wheatley	298	298
20 Bruce Tudgill	297	297
21 W Goody	296	296
22 Mr M Jones	295	295
23 Susan Maiton	294	294
24 Henson Paul	293	293
25 Mr N Wheatley	292	292
26 A Birwell	291	291
27 Mr P Mirams	290	290
28 Barba Papa a la Bacon	289	289
29 Rajesh Gohil	288	288
30 K Farhall	287	287
31 K Farhall	286	286
32 P Bowen	285	285
33 Morgan Kelly	284	284
34 Andy Robson	283	283
35 Ian Kilpin	282	282
36 J Hunt	281	281
37 D Lawrence	280	280
38 C K Puz	279	279
39 Kimbly Killers	278	278
40 AG Henderson	277	277
41 J Heather	276	276
42 D Ross	275	275
43 andrew	274	274
44 L Clark	273	273
45 L Legg	272	272
46 C Miles	271	271
47 H Prichard	270	270
48 C Dolan	269	269
49 Mr M Toole	268	268
50 D Ingman	267	267
51 Mr M Akram	266	266
52 Mr M Jones	265	265
53 Graeme Dabour	264	264
54 Mr B Wiley	263	263
55 Mr C Hest	262	262
56 Mr D Patel	261	261
57 A Nevazaki	260	260
58 Mr W Robinson	259	259
59 L Legg	258	258
60 D Storer	257	257
61 Dave D. Beave	256	256
62 Steven Adams	255	255
63 Mrs D Nichols	254	254
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66 Kier Allison	251	251
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71 Mr C Karfoot	246	246
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74 R Bortland	243	243
75 Mr S Cobbold	242	242
76 Mr D Longworth	241	241
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78 D Firmage	239	239
79 Tim King	238	238
80 Rajesh Gohil	237	237
81 Mary Ann Kennedy	236	236
82 S Legg	235	235
83 Jon Fegan	234	234
84 Mr D Patel	233	233
85 Mr P Mastersen	232	232
86 D Storer	231	231
87 S Chiswell	230	230
88 NU Gay	229	229
89 Crispian Watson	228	228
90 MI Madden	227	227
91 Rajesh Gohil	226	226
92 Jim Alpink	225	225
93 Mr A Ward	224	224
94 C Milner	223	223
95 Miltre	222	222
96 F Bee	221	221

## PFA PLAYERS' LEAGUE

1 Don Blackwell	228	228
2 Kemy Cunningham	227	227
3 Bion Kwame	226	226
4 Kevin Hindcock	225	225
5 Simon Grayson	224	224
6 Bob Savage	223	223
7 David Weatherall	222	222
8 Jonathan Hunt	221	221
9 Paul Williams	220	220
10 Patrick Keaney	219	219
11 Phil Bink	218	218
12 Robbie Fowler	217	217
13 John Hendrie	216	216
14 Dennis Wise	215	215
15 John Salako	214	214
16 John Beresford	213	213
17 Kevin Murdoch	212	212
18 David Seaman	211	211
19 David Bury	210	210
20 Paul Simpson	209	209
21 Steve Potts	208	208
22 Neil Redburn	207	207
23 Frank Lebon	206	206
24 Kevin Downes	205	205
25 Kyle Lightbourne	204	204
26 Ian Hughes	203	203
27 Tim Beavon	202	202
28 Gary Whitham	201	201
29 Nicky Butler	200	200
30 Patrick Berger	199	199
31 Dave Watson	198	198
32 Ian Dixon	197	197
33 Robin Van Der Laan	196	196
34 John Scott	195	195
35 Andrew Liddell	194	194
36 Darren Fletcher	193	193
37 Gareth Southgate	192	192
38 Steve Lomas	191	191
39 Danny Williamson	190	190
40 Graeme Le Saux	189	189
41 Lee Sharpe	188	188
42 Kevin Colver	187	187
43 David Tuttle	186	186
44 Richard Johnson	185	185
45 Ugo Bialoni	184	184
46 Andy Neville	183	183
47 Andy Simon	182	182
48 Graeme Zala	181	181
49 Ian Pearce	180	180
50 Colin Hendry	179	179
51 Roger Cross	178	178
52 Stewart Carding	177	177
53 Teddy Sheringham	176	176
54 John Hartson	175	175
55 Steve Eadie	174	174
56 Nigel Mayrho	173	173
57 Lee Carney	172	172
58 Dean Holdsworth	171	171
59 Spencer	170	170
60 Kasey Keller	169	169
61 Andy Roberts	168	168
62 Larry Behan	167	167
63 Richard Shaw	166	166
64 Ian Dowie	165	165
65 David Bebban	164	164
66 Mark Wright	163	163
67 Colin Calderwood	162	162
68 David Bebban	161	161
69 Alan Shearer	160	160
70 Mike Whitson	159	159

## INTERNET LEAGUE

1 Peter McDermott	280	280
2 Allison Scammon	279	279
3 Mrs Sheila Bortland	278	278
4 Mike Hutchinson	277	277
5 Goudon Goudon	276	276
6 Bruce Tudgill	275	275
7 Susan Makin	274	274
8 Hernang Patel	273	273
9 Barba Papa a la Bacon	272	272
10 Mr Rajesh Gohil	271	271
11 P Bowen	270	270
12 Morgan Kelly	269	269
13 Andy Robson	268	268
14 Ian Kilpin	267	267
15 C Miles	266	266
16 andrew	265	265
17 Graeme Dabour	264	264
18 Dave D. Beave	263	263
19 Miltre	262	262
20 F Bee	261	261

## The secret of winning your monthly prize

TO WIN any of the Interactive Team football mini-leagues, select Arsenal's Ian Wright and Marco Negri of Rangers as your two forwards, and add a Leicester City defender or two. It was a formula followed by three of the four September winners.

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# Guide to players, transfers and revaluations

They may perform brilliantly but your ITF players can be seriously penalised for lack of discipline



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The goals, the hat-tricks, the great saves that guarantee the clean sheets are the stuff of footballing glory, and the route to success in Interactive Team Football to boot. However, as in the game on grass, there is a place in any team for the steady player who turns in the consistent performance, week after week.

When you have splashed out the big money on star goalkeepers and a brick-wall defence, what is left would be wisely spent on a journeyman who puts in the appearances, seldom missing a game.

Words: Nick Szczepanik

weighing in with the odd goal, and staying out of the referee's book. For disciplinary indiscretions can be costly, as supporters of, say, Chelsea, have recently found.

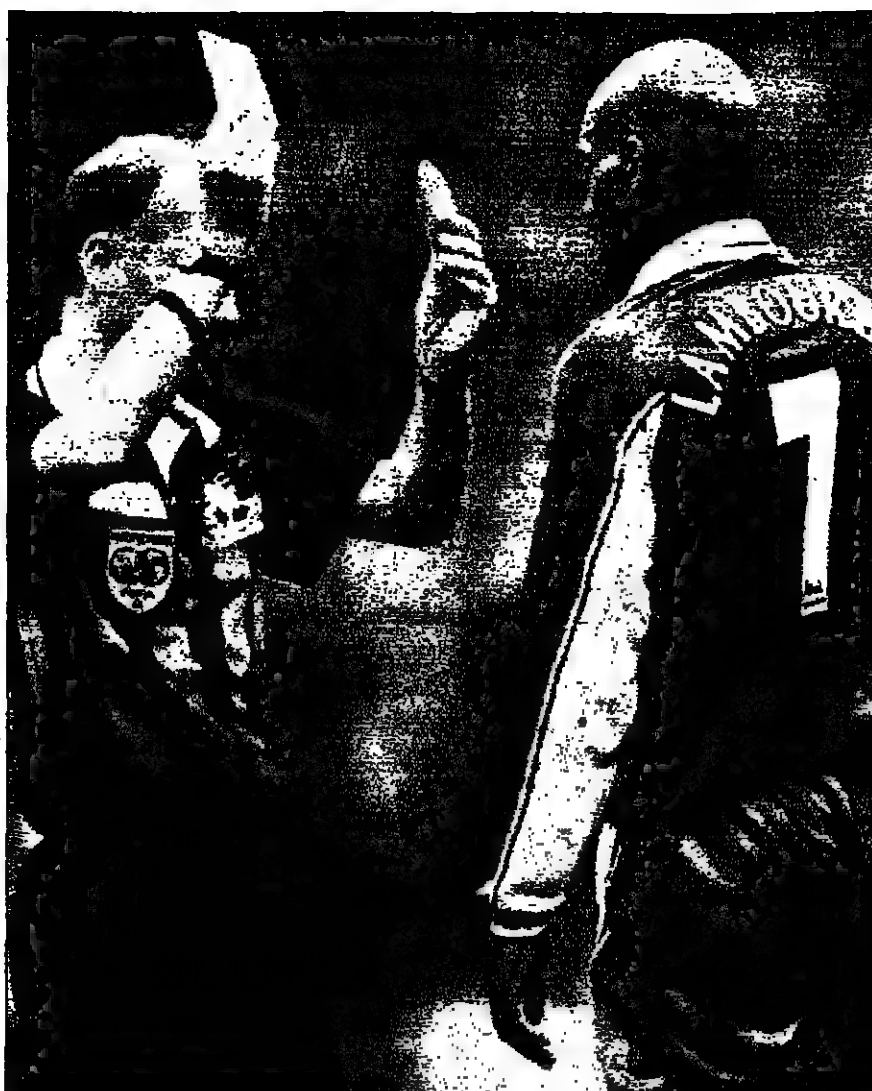
Twice in recent weeks, Ruud Geurts' men have been reduced to ten and, in both cases, have gone on to lose the game: on Saturday the loss of Bernard Lambourde after only 26 minutes was, arguably, the turning point of the match at Liverpool.

In ITF, a player has a point deducted for every booking, and three for a dismissal. Naturally, a team with ten men is less likely to give a player a point for a win, and a subsequent suspension will cost the player his appearance points, as well as the opportunity to add to his points total in the conventional manner.

Slaven Bilic, the Everton central defender, and Justin Edinburgh, the Tottenham Hotspur full back, are the worst offenders in the FA Carling Premiership. Both have accrued four yellow cards and one red — a total of seven minus points. Brian O'Neill of Aberdeen, with three yellow cards and one red, and Chelsea's Dennis Wise and Coventry's Paul Williams, both of whom have seen yellow six times already, are the next-worst in the ITF lists.



**THE PLAYER** lists below now include values based on last week's player revaluation. Players in your team whose prices are listed in bold can now only be transferred at those prices, whatever their original value; this may mean that the total value of your squad is now more (or less) than the initial £35m, but you do not have to make transfers to restore the £35m total.



Above left: Bilic, who has seven minus points. Above: Lambourde, dismissed on Sunday

## THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

### MOVED

53003 Dean Holdsworth Bolton Wanderers £3.0m  
transferred from Wimbledon

### HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

EACH TEAM that was entered at the start of the season was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the rest of the season.

THE LINE is open now and will remain open for the rest of the season. You may only make transfers by using a Touch-Tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-Tone). You will need ten digits for your PIN which you will have to tap in (not speak). Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players that you are transferring.

YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of transfers.

TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day.

YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

CALLS COST 50p per minute and calls from a telephone box cost approximately twice as much.

Transfer number: 0891 884 628.  
Outside the UK: +44 990 200 538.

## FULL PLAYER LISTS INCLUDING OCTOBER REVALUATIONS. SHOWN IN BOLD TYPE. NEW PRICES EFFECTIVE FROM LAST WEEK

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
10101	J Leighton	Aberdeen	2.00	2	-9
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	8	35
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.00	8	22
10401	D Watson	Barnsley	1.00	-9	-24
10501	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.50	8	24
10601	K Brannagan	Bolton W	1.50	2	16
10701	S Kerr	Cardiff	4.00	0	0
10801	E De Geay	Chelsea	3.00	-7	10
10901	S Ogilvie	Coventry City	1.50	7	23
11001	C Nash	Crystal Palace	0.25	0	0
11002	K Miller	Crystal Palace	2.00	0	17
11101	M Poom	Derby County	1.50	0	25
11201	S Dykstra	Dundee United	2.00	-2	-14
11301	I Westwater	Dunfermline	1.00	-2	0
11401	N Southall	Everton	2.00	0	-1
11501	G Rousseau	Hearts	1.50	8	25
11601	C Reid	Hibernian	1.50	0	0
11701	D Lakovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	-4	-11
11801	N Marryn	Leeds United	3.50	7	25
11901	K Keller	Leicester City	2.50	0	41
12001	D James	Liverpool	3.50	-2	17
12101	P Schmid	Manchester United	5.00	8	58
12201	S Howie	Motherwell	1.00	0	0
12301	S Given	Newcastle	4.00	8	32
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	3
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00	3	-8
12701	M Taylor	Southampton	0.50	0	0
12801	A Main	St Johnstone	0.50	8	7
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.00	2	27
12901	L Mladik	West Ham Utd	2.00	-2	7
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	2.50	2	19

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	5	9
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	5	19
20203	E Pugh	Arsenal	3.00	5	10
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	2	12
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	5	10
20303	S Grayson	Aston Villa	2.50	5	10
20304	F Nelson	Aston Villa	2.00	2	4
20401	N Eadon	Barnsley	0.50	-1	-3
20402	N Thompson	Barnsley	0.50	-5	-5
20403	D Barnard	Barnsley	1.00	-4	-4
20502	J Kenna	Blackburn	2.50	5	20
20503	P Valery	Blackburn	2.50	0	8
20601	N Cox	Bolton	2.00	0	3
21001	M Whitlow	Bolton	1.50	0	3
20602	R Elliott	Bolton	2.00	0	0
20701	T Boyd	Cardiff	3.50	5	15
20702	T McInley	Cardiff	3.50	1	1
20703	J McNamara	Cardiff	3.00	5	8
20501	G Le Saux	Chelsea	4.00	-3	17
20801	D Patrescu	Chelsea	4.00	0	0
20802	C Babayaro	Chelsea	2.00	0	9
20901	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
20902	B Burrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
20903	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
21001	D Gordon	Crystal Palace	1.50	-1	3
21002	M Edworthy	Crystal Palace	1.00	0	5
21003	K Muscat	Crystal Palace	1.50	0	14
21101	C Powell	Derby County	1.00	0	0
21102	D Yates	Derby County	2.50	-2	-7
21401	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	1.50	0	2
21402	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	2
21403	T Phelan	Everton	1.50	1	2
21501	G Locke	Hearts	1.00	0	0
21701	D Kerr	Kilmarnock	2.50	4	10
21801	G Kelly	Leeds Utd	2.50	4	11
21802	D Robertson	Leeds Utd	1.50	0	27
21902	S Guppy	Leicester City	4.00	0	9
22001	S Bjornabye	Liverpool	3.00	-1	0
22002	J McAteer	Liverpool	3.00	1	21
22003	R Jones	Liverpool	4.00	1	21
22101	D Irwin	Manchester Utd	3.50	5	23
22102	G Neville	Manchester Utd	3.50	5	15
22103	P Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	5	16
22301	S Watson	Newcastle Utd	2.00	9	18
22302	J Barston	Newcastle Utd	2.00	5	20
22303	S Pearce	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	6
22304	S Pearce	Rangers	3.00	-1	9
22401	A Cleland	Rangers	3.00	-1	11
22402	S Stensness	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-16
22501	P Boudreau	Sheffield Wed	2.00	1	-6
22502	I Nolan	Sheffield Wed	1.00	9	9
22701	J Dodd	Southampton	0.75	2	-3
22702	F Benall	Southampton	0.75	1	1
22703	C Wilson	Southampton	2.00	0	0
22801	S Carr	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
22802	J Edinburgh	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
22803	S Carr	West Ham Utd	3.00	0	0
22901	J Dicks	West Ham Utd	1.50	-2	-1
22902	A Impey	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	-2
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	2.00	0	3
23002	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	2.00	0	3
23003	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.00	0	1

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
30101	B O'Neill	Aberdeen	2.00	0	-11
30201	T Adams	Arsenal	3.50	5	9
30202	M Keown	Arsenal	3.50	0	0
30203	G Girmanidi	Arsenal	2.00	0	12
30204	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	5	5
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	5	5
30302	U Ehlogu	Aston Villa	3.50	5	12
30401	A De Zeeuw	Barnsley	1.00	-5	-18
30402	A Moses	Barnsley	0.50	-3	-14
30403	M Appleby	Barnsley	0.50	0	-2
30502	C Hendry	Blackburn	3.00	5	18
30504	S Hanchoz	Blackburn	2.50	5	10
30505	T Pedersen	Blackburn	2.00	0	0
30601	G Taggart	Bolton	1.50	0	4
30602	G Bergsson	Bolton	1.00	0	5
30603	C Fairclough	Bolton	1.00	0	0
30604	M Fish	Bolton	1.50	0	0
30701	E Annoni	Cardiff	1.50	1	1
30702	M Mackay	Cardiff	3.00	0	2
30703	A Subba	Cardiff	3.00	5	11
30704	M Wager	Cardiff	3.00	0	8
30801	F Lacroix	Chelsea	3.00	0	10
30802	M Doherty	Chelsea	3.00	0	8
30803	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.50	-3	5
30904	B Lambourde	Chelsea	2.50	-4	-1
30901	L Dajish	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
30902	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	4	12
30903	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	0	-1
31001	A Roberts	Crystal Palace	1.50	-1	3
31002	A Loughran	Crystal Palace	0.75	-1	3
31003	D Tuttle	Crystal Palace	0.75	0	0
31101	I Stiles	Derby County	2.50	0	6
31102	J Laursen	Derby County	1.50	0	12
31201	S Pressley	Dundee Utd	2.00	-2	-6
31301	G Shields	Dunfermline	1.50	-2	-4
31401	S Bilic	Everton	2.50	-2	-7
31402	D Watson	Everton	2.00	-2	-6
31501	D Weir	Hearts	2.00	0	16
31601	J Hughes	Hibernian	2.00	-3	1
31602	D Wetherill	Leeds Utd	2.00	4	18
31603	G Halle	Leeds Utd	2.00	4	11
31604	R Molenaar	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	8
31701	L Radebe	Leeds Utd	1.50	0	28
31801	M Elliott	Leicester City	2.00	0	21
31902	P Karmark	Leicester City	1.50	0	25
31903	S Walsh	Liverpool	3.00	0	25
32001	M Wright	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
32002	D Matteo	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
32003	B Kuwiera	Liverpool	3.00	0	8
32004	H Berg	Manchester Utd	3.50	5	23
32101	D May	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	0
32102	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	5	28
32301	P Albart	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	13
32302	D Peacock	Newcastle Utd	3.00	5	15
32303	S Howey	Newcastle Utd	2.00	5	5
32304	A Platone	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	8
32401	S Poirin	Rangers	3.50	-1	10
32402	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	10
32403	L Amoroso	Rangers	3.50	0	0
32501	D Walker	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-3
32502	J Newome	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-6
32503	P Atherton	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-5
32701	R Dryden	Southampton	1.00	0	-5
32702	C Lundekvam	Southampton	1.00	5	5
32703	K Monks	Southampton	1.00	5	5
32801	S McCuskey	St Johnstone	0.50	0	0
32802	S Campbell	Tottenham	3.00	0	6
32803	J Seales	Tottenham	2.50	0	6
32804	R Vega	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
32805	C Calderwood	Tottenham	2.00	-1	8
32901	R Ferdinand	West Ham Utd	2.50	-2	-4
32902	R Hall	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	0
31403	D Unsworth	West Ham Utd	2.00	-2	-5
32903	S Potts	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	0
32904	I Pearce	West Ham Utd	2.00	-3	-6
33001	C Perry	Wimbledon	2.50	0	6
33002	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	2.50	0	3

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
40101	E Jess	Aberdeen	2.00	0	5
40102	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.00	1	91
40201	M Overmars	Arsenal	5.50	2	4
40202	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.50	3	18
40203	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00	0	1
40204	R Parlor	Arsenal	2.50	5	24
40205	D Platt	Arsenal	1.50	4	9
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	3.00	0	17
40302	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	3	20
40401	N Roddman	Barnsley	3.00	1	22
40402	E Tinkler	Barnsley	2.00	1	14
40403	D Sheridan	Barnsley	1.00	1	5
40404	M Bullock	Barnsley	0.50	0	7
40501	J Wilcox	Blackburn	3.00	0	13
40502	B McKinnay	Blackburn	3.00	3	10
40503	T Sherwood	Blackburn	3.00	3	6
40504	G Fittcroft	Blackburn	3.00	3	17
40601	A Thompson	Bolton	2.50	0	17
40602	S Sellars	Bolton	2.00	0	8
40603	P Frandsen	Bolton	2.00	1	10
40604	M Johansen	Bolton	2.00	0	3

WIMBLEDON PLAYERS					
Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
40605	J Pollock	Bolton	2.00	0	11
40701	A Thom	Cardiff	4.50	3	13
40702	P O'Donnell	Cardiff	3.00	0	6
42503	R Binkler	Cardiff	3.00	0	4
40704	C Burley	Cardiff	3.00	3	16
40801	D Wise	Chelsea	4.00	3	15
40802	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	4.00	1	16
40803	E Newton	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
40804	G Poyet	Chelsea	3.00	4	25
40901	G McAllister	Coventry City	2.50	2	13
40902	T Soldati	Coventry City	1.50	2	13
40903	J Salako	Coventry City	1.50	2	13
41002	S Rodgers	Crystal Palace	1.00	1	8
41003	D Pitcher	Crystal Palace	0.25	0	0
41004	P Warhurst	Crystal Palace	1.50	1	17
41005	A Lombardo	Crystal Palace	3.00	1	18
41101	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.50	0	2
41102	S Eranio	Derby County	2.50	0	14
41103	D Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	1
41104	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	0	17
41105	R Van Der Laan	Derby County	1.00	0	7
41106	J Hunt	Derby County	1.00	0	12
41201	R Winters	Dundee Utd	3.50	7	18
41301	A Smith	Durhamline	2.00	4	17
41401	G Speed	Everton	3.50	1	20
41402	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	0
41403	G Farrelly	Everton	1.50	0	7
41404	D Williamson	Everton	2.00	1	7
41501	N McCann	Hearts	2.50	5	20
41601	C Jackson	Hibernian	2.00	0	1
41602	B Lavety	Hibernian	2.00	4	17
41701	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	2.00	0	0
41001	D Hopkin	Leeds Utd	3.50	2	16
41801	L Bowyer	Leeds Utd	3.00	0	4
41802	A Haaland	Leeds Utd	2.50	2	11
41903	L Sharpe	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	0
41901	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	0	6
41902	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	0	18
41903	M Izzet	Leicester City	2.00	0	21
41904	S Taylor	Leicester City	1.50	0	0
42001	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	2	21
42002	O Leionhardsen	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
42003	M Thomas	Liverpool	3.00	0	14
42004	J Redknapp	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
42006	P Ince	Liverpool	5.00	1	14
42101	D Beckham	Manchester Utd	8.00	3	24
42102	R Giggs	Manchester Utd	7.00	3	19
42103	R Keane	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	23
42104	N Butt	Manchester Utd	4.00	3	25
42105	A Cole	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	10
42201	B Davies	Manchester Utd	2.00	0	0
42301	R Lee	Newcastle Utd	5.00	0	9
42302	K Gillespie	Newcastle Utd	5.00	0	9
42303	D Batty	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	13
42305	J Burrows	Newcastle Utd	2.50	3	13
42401	P Lasrup	Rangers	8.00	0	11
42402	F Gascoigne	Rangers	6.00	5	10
42403	J Thern	Rangers	4.00	0	2
42404	J Albright	Rangers	4.00	5	14
42501	B Carbone	Sheffield Wed	3.00	7	27
42701	J Magilton	Sheffield Wed	2.00	2	12
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wed	2.00	2	8
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wed	1.00	0	4
42702	R Slater	Southampton	0.75	1	3
42703	N Middleton	Southampton	0.75	0	11
42704	K Richardson	Southampton	0.50	2	5
42705	C Palmer	Southampton	1.50	3	3
42801	A Sekeriloglu	St Johnstone	0.75	2	8
42801	A Sinton	Tottenham	3.00	0	5
42802	D Anderson	Tottenham	3.00	0	0
42803	R Fox	Tottenham	2.00	1	11
42804	D Howells	Tottenham	2.00	1	11
42805	B Ginola	Tottenham	3.00	0	9
42901	E Berkovic	West Ham Utd	2.50	1	21
42902	S Lomas	West Ham Utd	2.50	1	11
42903	J Moncur	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	6
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.50	0	11
43002	N Ardley	Wimbledon	2.00	1	5
43003	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	1	6
42904	M Hughes	Wimbledon	2.00	1	7
43004	C Hughes	Wimbledon	1.50	1	7



Barry Town player in Gould's squad for World Cup qualifier in Belgium

## Wales summon non-league recruit

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

GAINING selection for the country listed at 98th in the world rankings may not rate as the most distinguished of honours, but Gary Lloyd, the Barry Town defender, could barely contain himself yesterday. He had been called into the Wales squad for the group seven World Cup qualifying match against Belgium on Saturday.

Lloyd, 25, who once worked in a meat factory, is the first non-league player in the post-war era to be picked for the Principality's full international squad. Although unlikely to start the game in Brussels, he was delighted to have caught the eye of Bobby Gould, the Wales manager.

"I was told Bobby wanted to talk to me but I thought it was no more than a joke," Lloyd said. "Then I realised it wasn't. I'm amazed, stunned — it's a dream come true for me. I've watched all the Welsh players on TV and now I'm going to be training and travelling with them."

"I'm not really expecting to play but it will still be an unbelievable experience just to be involved. I've got the chance to rub shoulders with the likes of Neville Southall and Ryan Giggs. It's going to be wonderful."

Lloyd, who lives in Llanelli, has never represented Wales at any level, though he once captained his district schoolboy side. His is the son of Gil Lloyd, the former Wales amateur international, and played for Llanelli until moving to Barry, the League of Wales champions, four years ago.

Gould, always keen to reward emerging talent, has monitored his progress for several years. "I almost called him up for a full international in Albania a couple of seasons ago when we were badly hit by injuries," he said. He watched



Flag day: Gary Lloyd, of Barry Town, shows off the Welsh flag yesterday after hearing of his call-up for the game in Brussels on Saturday

him play last week in Barry's 2-1 victory against Swansea City in the Football Association of Wales Invitation Cup at the Vetch Field. With Kit Symons, the Manchester City defender, dropping out of the squad because of injury, Lloyd, a left back, received the unexpected call.

Gould links him to Stuart Pearce, the England and

Newcastle United full back, who he signed from non-league Wealdstone when he was manager of Coventry City. "He reminds me very much of Stuart," Gould said, "and I know he has the ability to make a step up like this."

Barry, the only full-time professional club in the League of Wales, completed a domestic treble last season.

After winning the championship, the Welsh Cup and the League Cup, they competed in the European Cup Champions' League preliminary round earlier this season, but were beaten 6-0 on aggregate by Dynamo Kiev, of Ukraine, who drew 2-2 with Newcastle last week.

"Gary's selection is a marvellous honour for the club,"

Chris Aust, the Barry general manager, said. "We're very proud of him and wish him every success in the Welsh squad. It also underlines the progress we have made here in recent years."

Wales have long since lost their chance of reaching the World Cup finals in France next year and have slipped behind the likes of Guatemala,

Sierra Leone and Tanzania in the rankings of Fifa, the world governing body. However, the game on Saturday is vital for Belgium. If they beat Wales, they will finish second in the group and force their way into the play-offs to determine the last four qualifiers from Europe. If they lose or draw, Turkey can overtake them by winning in Holland.

## Yorath expected to take over as Huddersfield sack Horton

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

BRIAN HORTON, the Huddersfield Town manager, was dismissed yesterday by the struggling Nationwide League club. Huddersfield, who have yet to win a league match in nine attempts this season, are expected to appoint Terry Yorath, the former Wales manager, as first-team coach today.

Peter Jackson, 36, the former Huddersfield captain, is also likely to return to the club as part of a new coaching team.

Horton, 48, took over from Neil Warnock two years ago, shortly after being dismissed by Manchester City. He was

hardly surprised by the developments yesterday. "I can't say it has come as a bombshell because I've been in the game long enough to know this sort of thing happens in this situation," he said.

"I've enjoyed my stay; the staff have been excellent and the majority of the fans have given me their backing, but we have to accept that results have not been up to scratch. The players are still good enough to turn it around and I'm leaving a squad of good quality."

Although Horton's squad was frequently depleted by injuries, he achieved little success when delving into the

transfer market. Huddersfield were the only club in the Nationwide League and FA Cup Premier Division not to sign a player during the summer.

"Managers stand or fall by their results and that's what we have taken into account," Malcolm Asquith, the Huddersfield chairman, said. "Brian has been a good man to work with."

Yorath, 47, who lives in Leeds, took Wales to the brink of the World Cup finals in 1994 but they were beaten 2-1 by Romania in Cardiff in their final qualifying match. More recently, he has been the national coach of Lebanon.

## Dismay greets Keegan book

SUPPORTERS of Newcastle United have reacted with dismay to claims by Kevin Keegan, the former manager, that he was forced out by the club and denied a "dignified" exit as it prepared for flotation on the Stock Market. Keegan says in his new book — *Kevin Keegan's My Autobiography* — that he had decided that he would leave Newcastle at the end of last season, but, instead, was told by board members that it would be better that he departed straight away.

Keegan, now the chief operating officer with Fulham, left St James' Park nine months ago after five years in charge. He says in the book's serialisation in *The Sun* that he wanted to leave last Christmas, because he felt he could no longer motivate the play-

ers or himself, but had agreed to stay on until the end of the season. He was then advised to go immediately.

Steve Wright, editor of *No 9*, the Newcastle fanzine, said: "We are very upset at the way Kevin has sold his story. We will never forget him as a player or manager, who took us to where we are now, but to come out and say things like this is an insult to us."

On January 7, Keegan was summoned to a board meet-

ing and told that he was "an integral part of the flotation document" and would have to sign a two-year contract or leave. "I knew what had happened," Keegan said.

The board dared not reveal to the City that I was leaving in the summer. They couldn't, either, so they panicked... I just looked at them and said: 'Right, let's get this settled because I'm not staying beyond the end of the season. There's no turning back.'

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Branson arrives in nick of time

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ONLY rugby league could say farewell to down-trodden Oldham after more than a century and in the same week take Richard Branson to its bosom in London. Either it is conquering the world, or its small world is collapsing.

In becoming chairman of London Broncos, Branson said: "We wouldn't buy into Manchester United, because the achievement is already there. Rugby league is a fantastic sport, a wonderful family sport. To get in on its infancy is the right thing."

Try telling that to 102-year-old Oldham, relegated from the Super League this season, and whose shareholders will be asked to approve the act of going into liquidation. The grass roots are being pulled up with one hand and seeds scattered with the other — to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Cardiff, and Dublin, whichever is awarded the Paris franchise next year, or in 1999.

Ah, Paris! Impossibly glamorous, yet the scene of what felt like the new Super League's finest hour 19 months ago, when 18,000 non-plussed Parisians witnessed the opening defeat of Sheffield Eagles. Investors are urgently sought to fulfil the transplantation of Paris into one of the new cities.

Two years into the five-year deal with News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, London represents the partial fulfilment of the contractual obligation to break out from the M62 corridor. A process that should have begun in 1995 is only now

gearing up, but the spread of the Super League could extend from London to Scotland and beyond within 18 months.

What is obvious is that there are insufficient talented players — British anyway — to go round. The 1997 season, with the three-match Great Britain v Australia series outstanding, was no classic, and the world club championship, which resulted in four Antipodean semi-finalists, left British teams scoured and fears that the wounds will be reopened at Wembley. Old Trafford, and Elland Road next month.

The 1997 season showed that British teams are lagging further behind their Australasian counterparts, technically, fitness-wise, and in mental preparation. Even so, the potential does exist. The Broncos' crowds at the Stoop Memorial Ground have been better than Harlequins, their landlords. Branson's presence can only feed the appetite for rugby league, although the cosmopolitan attraction of the world championship in London contrasted with its parochial reception in the North.

Bradford Bulls averaged 15,000 home attendances in winning the Super League, but their ill-fated world title campaign was nowhere near as popular. Local enmity is what the game thrives on in its concentrated northern enclave. Its strength at grass roots is also its weakness when it comes to spreading the game, but Oldham's untimely demise and Branson's timely arrival form an interesting paradox.

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By Philip Howard

RAMPALLION  
a. The king dandelion  
b. A forward woman  
c. A jousting lance

TITULAR  
a. A bird  
b. An Etruscan God  
c. Holding a title

GOSSOON  
a. A young lad  
b. A racing sail  
c. A treading fabric

MURCID  
a. Muddy, turbid  
b. Lazy, idle  
c. Rancid, rotten

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## ICE HOCKEY

## Late goal spree destroys Cobras

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

AFTER the first weekend of Superleague action, it is already obvious that the competition will be closer than last season and goals will be hard to come by. Of six games played, four were tied, one was won by a single goal and only one saw a team score more than three times.

Ayr Scottish Eagles beat Newcastle Cobras 4-1, but it was not until late in the second period that they broke a 1-1 deadlock with two goals in less than three minutes. They scored twice more in the final session to complete the win, which might have been more decisive but for another excellent game by Stephen Foster in the Newcastle goal.

Scott O'Connor, whose opportunities were rare last season as he watched Trevor Robins give some superlative performances in goal for Nottingham Panthers, made his fourth appearance of the young season, and produced 40 saves as the Panthers were held 2-2 by Bracknell Bees.

Both Bracknell goals came while they had a manpower advantage, but there were several occasions when the Nottingham defence was caught out of position and O'Connor outwitted the Bracknell forward each time.

Cardiff Devils played their second 3-3 tie of the weekend and needed a late equaliser by Steve Morris to salvage a point in their home opener against Basingstoke Bison. The Cardiff penalty killers played a leading role as the Devils were two men short for more than five minutes during the second period.

Ian Taylor has been appointed the chief executive of the Great Britain field hockey squad that won an Olympic gold medal in 1988, and he earned more than 400 caps for Great Britain and England.

Taylor is a former director of the British Olympic Association and was a member of the Hockey Association executive committee for 12 years.

He said he was delighted to be involved in a team that is interested in sport and I know that ice hockey is immensely popular with an exciting future, he said. "I am looking forward to being involved in its development."

## SNOOKER

## Bond able to put trauma aside

By PHIL YATES

IN A sport where, since 1980, Steve Davis and Stephen Hendry have accounted for 136 tournament wins between them, it is only natural that members of the supporting cast savour a rare triumph. Ken Doherty did precisely that at the world championship in May, and Nigel Bond was equally overjoyed after capturing the Regal Scottish Masters title in Motherwell on Sunday night.

It has been an emotionally draining summer for Bond, who recovered from 8-6 down and from 61 points in arrears in the fifteenth frame, to beat Alan McManus 9-8 and win the £60,000 first prize.

Bond, aged 31, became a father for the second time four months ago but soon afterwards a paediatric specialist delivered the news that the baby, Daniel, was suffering from a serious heart defect that will require surgery.

Snooker, of course, became of secondary importance but, supported by his wife, Caron, Bond began preparing for the season ahead. Little did the former English amateur champion from Old Tupton in Derbyshire realise that the new campaign would bring him success almost immediately.

By producing a 67 clearance to steal the fifteenth frame on the black, Bond planned a seed of doubt in the mind of McManus and the Scot, who has converted many semi-final and final appearances into only three trophies in seven years as a professional, again stumbled with the winning post in view.

McManus accepted another near-miss snooker, but his claims that the defeat "did not hurt" that much were unconvincing. "Losing, especially from such a position of strength, must, to some degree, undermine the confidence of any player, no matter how strenuously he attempts to be positive."

Bond, with no such concerns, defends a title later this month at the Rothmans Malta Grand Prix but first he will have to beat all of the game's leading players, will converge on the Grand Prix in Bournemouth. The first of the eight world-ranking tournaments of the season gets underway next Tuesday.



## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is a hand from the 1997 Cavendish teams event. It featured a first-sighted play to achieve a trump promotion.

Dealer North Love all IMPs

♠AK784	♥AKJ84	♦AKJ9	♣AKJ84
♥AKJ84	♦AKJ84	♣AKJ84	♠AKJ84
♠AKJ84	♥AKJ84	♦AKJ84	♣AKJ84
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Comment: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ace of spades.

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## KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's challenger

In spite of the elaborate preparations by the world chess federation (Fide) to stage a 100-player knockout tournament in Groningen and Lausanne at the end of this year and the beginning of 1998, to determine the destination of its own championship, what the public would most like to see is a direct clash between Kasparov and Kramnik. Although Fide has seeded Anand directly into the final of its tournament, Kasparov's ranking of 2,748 is far behind that of Kramnik (2,770). Kasparov's, at 2,820, is way ahead of both of them.

It is inexplicable that Fide has seeded Karpov directly into the final of its \$5 million event and limited the deciding match to a mere six games. Had they seeded Kasparov directly into the final and extended the deciding match to at least 16 games, it is almost certain that the champion would have participated.

Today's game shows the young Russian genius Kramnik in action in the tournament in Tilburg. White: Jael Lauder. Black: Vladimir Kramnik. Tilburg, September 1997.

Nimzo-Indian Defence  
1. d4 Nf6  
2. c4 e5  
3. Nc3 Bc4  
4. e3 O-O  
5. Bc3 d5  
6. Nf3 Nc6  
7. O-O Nxd4  
8. Bxd3 Qc7  
9. cxd5 Qxd5  
10. Nxd4 Qd5  
11. Nf3 Qd5  
12. Bc2 Qd5  
13. Re1 Qd5  
14. Bc2 Qd5  
15. Re1 Qd5  
16. g3 Qd5  
17. Ng2 Qd5

18. Bg4	Ng5
19. Nf4	Nh3+
20. Kf1	Qd5
21. Nf4	Bg4
22. Qd2	Bf5
23. Qc2	Nb4
24. Qd4	Qc2+
25. Kg2	Bc2
26. Rf2	h5
27. Kf3	Kf7
28. h4	Rf6
29. Bg4	Rd6
30. Rf1	b6
31. Bb4	Rd6
32. Rcd2	Rd7
33. Rg2	Rg7
34. Kg2	Rg7+
35. Kf3	Rg7
36. Rf1	h5
37. Rf1	h4
38. a5	h3
39. Bc5	Rg7
40. Bb5	h2
41. Rf5	h1
42. Rf5	h1
43. Rf5	h1
44. Rf5	h1
45. Rf5	h1
46. Rf5	h1
47. Rf5	h1
48. Rf5	h1
49. Rf5	h1
50. Rf5	h1

Diagram of final position  
a b c d e f g h  
1. Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bauer - Sarno Roman, France 1997. In this messy position White spotted a clever combination which won the game. Can you do as well?

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## RUGBY UNION

# Ryan faces ban after intervention by Brittle

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE rugby union season, already tortured by disciplinary proceedings, took another twist yesterday when Dean Ryan, the Newcastle captain, was suspended for an incident that happened more than six weeks ago. Ryan is to appeal against a 28-day ban imposed after an intervention by Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) management board.

The former England No 8 was involved in a clash on August 23 during the Allied Dunbar Premiership match between his club and Bath. He took retaliatory action against Nathan Thomas, the Bath and Wales back-row forward who kicked Tim Stimpson and was later suspended. Ryan himself received a yellow card from Steve Lander, the match referee, but nearly a month passed before Newcastle discovered that there were further proceedings.

Brittle, having witnessed the incident, which was shown on television, contacted Roy Manock, the RFU disciplinary officer and a panel met on Friday in Darlington to decide whether Ryan's conduct was prejudicial to the game. They decided that it was, and, if the suspension is upheld, Ryan will miss two vital Premiership matches, though he has been told that, pending his appeal, he can play and he has been named in the XV that meets Northampton in the Premiership tomorrow.

There are two issues with which rugby must come to terms: the first is the power of television, which will always be inequitable. Only a handful of games receive exposure and the players appearing in those

games are, therefore, far more susceptible to punishment should match officials miss any controversial incidents. That, however, has become a feature in the new professional era and has to be accepted. The other issue, to which Newcastle takes the greatest exception, is the delay in bringing Ryan to book. There should be a "reasonable" period to allow for the possibility of disciplinary proceedings but that should be a matter of days rather than weeks, and should be the responsibility of a properly-constituted review panel or of a match commissioner employed for the purpose.

"It's our view that this is a wholly inappropriate use of the regulations and we will be lodging an appeal," Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby, said. A six-year agreement with Nike will not net the RFU more than £10 million over the next six years. The sportsware company will supply a new England strip up to and including the 2003 World Cup, although it will run in conjunction with the existing kit sponsors. Celtic, until 2000, Nike will also sponsor the match against South Africa on November 29, and probably at least one international in each of the subsequent years of the deal.

Yorkshire will stage five of the third-round Test's Bitter Cup ties on November 1, including a derby between Wakefield and Morley. Doncaster, who disposed of Nottingham last Saturday, have a potentially awkward home tie with Tynedale, and the longest trip will be made by Gloucester, who travel to Rotherham.



Steve Lambourn, of the Clerical Medical team, plays round the trees on the 13th. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

## Whitley Bay steal the thunder

FROM GEOFF HAWKWOOD IN SAN LORENZO

LIGHTNING signalled the opening of the skies over the San Lorenzo course before the first ball had been struck. The thunder was provided by Gary Donnison and Andrew Lucan, who held their nerve to take the Lombard Top Club Trophy for Whitley Bay Golf Club at the first hole in a sudden-death play-off yesterday.

In a final interrupted by driving rain in the Algarve, the Whitley Bay partnership kept their grip while others were losing theirs to secure victory with a total of 135, nine under par.

Such was the intensity of the competition after 18 holes of better-ball play on Sunday that eight pairs stood within four strokes of the first-round leaders, Andrew Bagley and Geoff Anderson, of Leigh Golf Club, near Manchester. Yet after play was halted for 2½ hours yesterday, Whitley Bay began their charge.

Drawing inspiration from the appearance of the Ryder

Cup, in the hands of Sandy Jones, the executive director of the Professional Golfers' Association, Whitley Bay confirmed their challenge for the title of leading club in Britain and Ireland.

Despite the worst the weather could offer, Whitley Bay, revitalised by the break, produced an impressive tally of five birdies on the front nine to move them to within reach of the leaders.

As the Leigh challenge fell away, so three clubs, Whitley Bay, the Worldham Park pair of Jon Le Roux and Peter Skidmore, and Salford Park emerged at the head of the leaderboard.

A birdie at the 15th took Donnison and Lucan to within one shot of the lead to set up a tense finish, with the daunting par-four 18th, played under water, to come.

A birdie three at the 17th by Donnison brought them level with Worldham but at the final tee, the professional found a watery grave. However, his partner holed his putt for the par that took the event to the extra hole. At the

## Lombard Top Club Trophy

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1st, Donnison, requiring a putt from four feet for his birdie, claimed the triumph by the narrowest of margins.

The biggest pro-am event in Europe had begun in the spring with 110,000 amateurs from 1,100 clubs pursuing a place on the plane to Portugal, but the field for its conclusion was reduced to 15 pairs because of the tenniditis sustained by Graham Bradley, the professional at Blankney, near Lincoln, on the eve of the tournament.

The manner of the Whitley Bay success in the final push

would have done credit to Steve Redgrave and the Great Britain coxless four, present as part of the sporting team supported by Lombard, the event's sponsor.

Donnison, who came close to giving up the game a year ago, said: "It is my biggest win so far, given the scale of the tournament. I was ready to pack in at the start of last year, but my mum and dad kept saying: 'Stick at it, you have got the ability.'"

Lucan, an eight-handicapper, who missed from eight feet at the 18th to win outright, added: "I was so nervous I couldn't grip the club properly. I am so proud."

FINAL SCORES: 135: Whitley Bay (G Donnison and A Lucan) 65, 69; Worldham Park (J Le Roux and P Skidmore) 67, 68; Whitley Bay won after play-off: 138: Salford Park (M Groombridge and N Jones) 67, 72; Worldham (G Le Roux and P Skidmore) 68, 70; 140: Leigh (A Bagley and G Anderson) 65, 75; 141: Thornton (D Sheppard and L Scott) 68, 72; Clonmel (D Cogan, J and D Hogg) 68, 72; 142: Clonmel (S Lavinmore and P McKeown) 69, 73; 143: Tynedale (C de Bruin and J Harris) 72, 72; Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76; 144: Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76; 145: Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76; 146: Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76; 147: Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76; 148: Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76; 149: Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76; 150: Salford (J O'Connell and J Russell) 68, 76.

## Orchard title effort takes root at last

BY MEL WEBB

AT LAST, they had done it. They had won: their joy was unconfined. Orchard Toys, based in Keyworth, near Nottingham, had entered The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge every year since its inception in 1993, and every year they had reached regional finals without winning the extra mile into the national final. Yesterday, that all changed.

Orchard took the East Midlands final at Breadsall Priory with a score of 85 points, five better than their nearest pursuers. As a grey morning moved into a miserably damp afternoon, a real dogfight developed between three chasing teams: Knoll Pharmaceuticals, Pannell Kerr Forster, and Jaguar Centre (Hull), the winners last year at Breadsall.

Knoll eventually emerged on top, but only after a countback of the back nine holes after all three had tied on 80. Knoll had every reason to expect that their score would be good enough on a Priory course that was playing to every one of its 6,201 yards. Orchard's quarter soon shattered their dreams of four days of golf in the sun in the national final at La Manga in November.

Orchard's victory was hard-won. None of the players — Keith Harvey, the chief executive of the company, Simon Newbury, David Potter, the company's solicitor, and Roger Ford, the company's accountant — made good starts. In Ford's case, a lack of acceleration was, perhaps, understandable. On Sunday, he finished second in the United Kingdom clay-pigeon shooting championship in York-shire.

The others, though, had no excuse. "We just couldn't get going," Newbury, who played with Harvey in the event's new regional final format of splitting each team into two two-balls, said. "Roger didn't get a point for the first three holes and I only got a couple."

Having started at the 10th, they made their first impres-

sion on the 13th, where they both had bogeys for net pars and two points. At the next they both had pars, which, with a shot apiece, was turned into two net birdies and six points.

With Newbury finishing his round with three pars and a bogey, they had done their bit. Harvey, who admitted he had hardly played the round of his life, scored 25 points but only twice made an appearance on the card recording the best two scores from four.

Fortunately for him, and his team, the two contributions he made were worth five points, which his colleagues rapidly, and gallantly, pointed out were what made the difference between victory and defeat. He waited until the 15th before unfurling his large-headed titanium driver, and immediately had a par for three points.



It was the high spot of his round. But the driver quickly became an enemy again when he sent his drive on the next hole onto the road.

It was a clear and indelible offence of reckless driving. It was a kind of poetic justice that, in the end, it did not really matter.

RESULTS: 65: Orchard Toys 80; Knoll Pharmaceuticals; Pannell Kerr Forster; Jaguar Centre (Hull) Ltd; Knoll Pharmaceuticals; second on countback of back nine: Pannell Kerr Forster (Hull) Ltd; 78: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 79: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 80: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 81: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 82: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 83: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 84: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 85: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 86: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 87: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 88: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 89: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 90: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 91: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 92: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 93: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 94: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 95: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 96: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 97: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 98: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 99: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd; 100: Aco Europe (Hull) Ltd.

## FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL			
MAJOR LEAGUE: Play-offs: American League Baltimore 3 Seattle 1 (Baltimore won best-of-five series 3-1); Cleveland 3 New York Yankees 2 (series tied 2-2, National League Atlanta 4 Houston 1 (Atlanta won 3-0); Florida 3 San Francisco 2 (Florida won 3-0).			

BASKETBALL			
EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Chelsea 80 Tottenham 74; Manchester 74; Sheffield 74; Sheffield 74.			
Leeds	80	74	74
London Towers	80	74	74
Birmingham	80	74	74
Sheffield	80	74	74
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CRICKET			
First Test match: Pakistan v South Africa			
PAKISTAN: First Innings: 115; Second Innings: 115; South Africa: First Innings: 115; Second Innings: 115.			
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FOOTBALL			
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things always end in tears. But at least Mimi, and the samurai who falls on his sword, have not vanished into nothingness. There is life after death. We know that because Terry Scott has been back among us for several weeks now reincarnated as Clive Mantle's (he's in *Bloomsbury's Marvellous*) (BBC), a 39-year-old father-to-be who still doesn't seem to have learnt the most basic facts of life — a black hole that allows him regularly to roll his eyes and look flummoxed — just the way Terry used. Of course, the BBC has also had to reincarnate vintage *Terry-and-June*-style scripts.

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into a sort of puff pastry with attitude. And if the samurai failed to defend himself honorably enough, he could always use his sword to end his own life instead. All in all, it's probably even more versatile than those crazy Ginzu knives they advertise late at night on American television, which can slice through a metal drainpipe and still remain sharp enough to cut silverware.

death scene in Jonathan Miller's *Opera Works* (BBC2) reminded me that if you popped out halfway through Rodolfo's wailing scene at Mimì's bedside you could take in a two-course dinner and still be back in time to see Mimì slip away. Luckily, Miller shares our view that opera death scenes are ludicrously overblown. The only person to wince more — and for longer — than opera singers in a death scene is *Vesper Maguire*. But


As with the previous five, this final programme in the series is overshadowed by Miller's comic acting skills — though it ends with the entire cast, along with Miller, weeping quietly as Mimi finally pops her clogs. "How silly," stammered Miller, wiping his eyes. But as Mama Puccini probably warned Giacomo when he started moaning about with opera, these

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18-29	85%
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70+	70%

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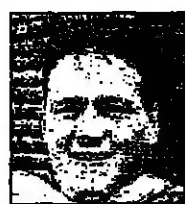
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## RACING 43

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Briton climbs to world No 4

## Rusedski gets ready for hardest task

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

IN THE aftermath of his triumph in Basel on Sunday, Greg Rusedski's delight in advancing to No 4 in the world rankings was tempered by the knowledge that an early exit in Vienna this week would negate those gains.

"When I started the year, my goal was to be No 20, then 15, then 10 and finally make the top five," he said. "Now that I have achieved it, my next goal is to try and stay there. That's the hardest part."

Harder, indeed, than is evident to the casual observer, for the complicated rankings mechanism will make huge demands of the Briton this week.

Rusedski knows that the 171 computer points that he amassed from winning in Beijing 12 months ago — his only tournament victory of 1996 — are about to be wiped from the slate. They will be replaced by the points he accrues in Vienna, where he must reach the semi-finals simply to protect his position.

Tim Henman, left toiling by

Rusedski of late, experienced this predicament last week. Despite reaching the semi-finals in Basel, his world ranking dropped by one place to No 21. Henman had reached the semi-finals in Lyons 12 months earlier. On the rolling computer rankings system, he was obliged to forfeit those points.

A difficult first-round pairing with Andrei Medvedev in Vienna further clutters Rusedski's progress, yet the British No 1 has become accustomed to clearing barriers in his path. The higher they are, the better he seems to jump them.

"I have sustained this level for a few weeks now," he said. "Also, I am at my best indoors, so the European indoor season could not have come at a better time."

In addition to protecting his ranking, Rusedski, born in Canada, craves a berth in the \$3.3 million (about £2 million) ATP Tour world championship in Hannover next month. The round-robin tour-

namment is confined to the eight highest-ranked players; no Briton has previously graced the event formerly known as The Masters. That Rusedski, 24, is favoured to make the cut underlines just how emphatic his progress has been.

The most potent weapon in tennis is a powerful service. Rusedski's has no equal. He boasts the fastest electronically-timed delivery on record, but that alone will not sustain him at this level. Earlier this year, his technique improved immeasurably under the tutelage of Brian Teacher, so Rusedski's recent dismissal of the California-based coach came like an unexpected thunder-clap.

Rusedski's appointment of Tony Pickard, formerly coach to Stefan Edberg, raised eyebrows even further, yet the new alliance has increased the player's potency. Rusedski argues that Teacher's strengths lie in the technical side. Pickard, 63, is more of a schemer, a strategist, a tactical plotter of the downfall of Rusedski's opponents.

Rusedski clearly values this commodity. As much was evident two weeks ago, before Pickard's appointment was made public.

After beating Yevgeni Kafelnikov in Munich, Rusedski arrived for the obligatory press conference wearing an expression of uncharacteristic smugness. Pickard had been relaying strategy down the telephone and Rusedski was impressed. It enabled him to reverse a drubbing from Kafelnikov on their only previous encounter.

Rusedski's bank balance has advanced almost as dramatically as his surge into the top flight. The lion's share of his seasonal earnings of \$1,258,473 (about £786,545) has been gained over the past eight weeks, when he has prevailed in 22 of his 27 matches. He has reached the quarter-finals in his past six tournaments, the semi-finals in his past four. No British player has posted such gains since rankings were introduced 25 years ago — although Fred Perry and Bunny Austin were allotted the first two places on a pre-war, unofficial rankings chart.

For all that, Rusedski recognises that the real challenge starts in Vienna. The absence of Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Patrick Rafter makes him the highest-ranked player engaged in Europe this week. His is therefore the most-prized scalp. Defending it offers yet another new challenge to Briton's No 1.



Hoddle, right, and Gascoigne reflect the mood of optimism in the England camp at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

## Neville ushers in new dawn

BY OLIVER HOLT  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE name of Julius Caesar has already been drawn into all the flimsy imagery surrounding the meeting of Italy and England on Saturday. Until yesterday, no one had invoked the spirit of Cassius, but as Glenn Hoddle's squad began its preparations for the trip to Rome at Bisham Abbey, Gary Neville put that right.

Neville is a fitting symbol for the resurgence in English football after his part in Manchester United's inspirational victory over Juventus in the European Cup Champions' League last week. A young man possessed of the sort of honesty and playing integrity that any coach would stake his career on, said that the time had come for England, too, to be masters of their fates.

He captured the mood of euphoric unity galvanising the nation in the run-up to the match on Saturday when he described how he and United's other England squad members were given a standing ovation as they left the pitch during a testimonial on Sunday — by Manchester City fans at Maine Road.

For once, everything seems to be going England's way, too. The mood in the camp is

buoyant, there are no injuries to worry about, although Tony Adams, Graeme Le Saux and Gareth Southgate did not train yesterday because of slight injuries, and the momentum is with England and against Italy. As pride is restored, more and more observers and players who do not look abroad for inspiration, are coming forward.

Neville, who should just edge out Southgate as the third of Hoddle's defensive bulwarks alongside Tony Adams and Sol Campbell, is one of the most obvious beneficiaries of this new mood of optimism that has swept through the squad since England's victory over Poland in Katowice and their triumphs in the Tournoi de France.

Tipped by many to be a future England captain, he kicked off what is bound to be a long week of players beating the drum by saying that a gradual realisation had swept through the squad that there was no reason for them to be overruled by the Italy players. Their reputation, he said, exceeded the reality.

"I do not think the Italians are anything special," Neville said. "You look at the Brazilian front line with Ronaldo, Romario and Denilson. The Italian front line of Zola and Casiraghi does not have quite



the same rest about it. There is nothing to fear from them."

"We build these things up too much. We give teams an aura. But when you play against them on a number of occasions, you do not have the same fear. You think: 'They are only human.' For their Zola, we have got Wright. For their Alberdi, we have got Beckham. You match them off one by one and we do not suffer in comparison. These players that they have are not players of a culture we have not got."

"When you play against Juventus as much as we have done now, you do get the feeling that they are not as brilliant as people make them out to be. I do not think they fear us. I think the problems were all our own. The fault was in ourselves. It is a game of football and of course we could lose but it is about time we went away to places like Rome and won."

"We have got to be careful not to be overconfident but the country senses that the Eng-

land team is in as good a position as it has been for a long time. The change in our morale in the last year has been dramatic."

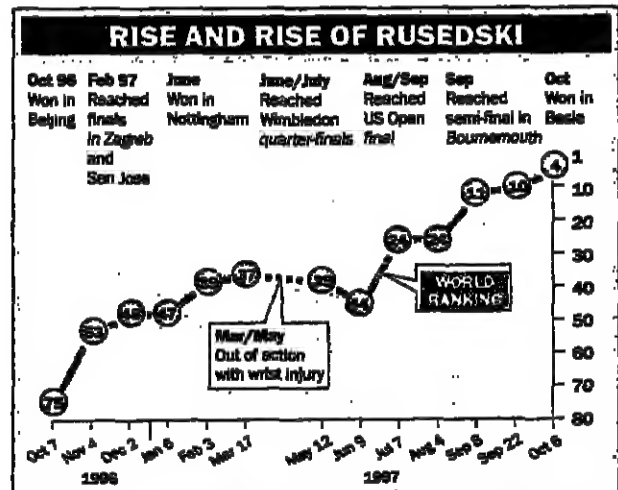
The England coach said that the mood within the camp was so enthusiastic yesterday morning that he had stopped the training session 15 minutes earlier than he had planned because his players had put so much commitment and effort into it. "The application was so good we had to take the foot off the pedal a bit," he said.

As the Italians reportedly agonise about the prospect of England beating them at their own counter-attacking game and their players talk down their chances of success, Hoddle said he had an afternoon of fishing and trips to the cinema planned for his squad.

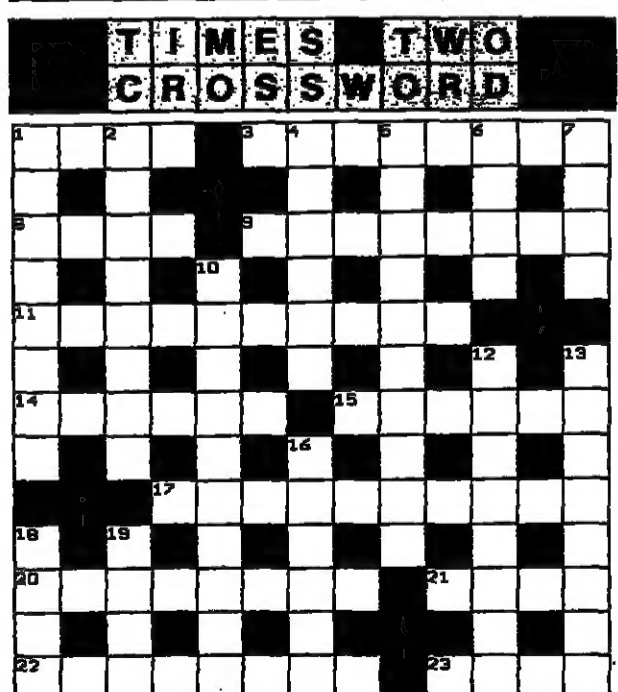
"We just want to make sure everything is relaxed," Hoddle said. "We know it is a crunch game. It was always going to go down to this game and we have got the inner belief now that we can do it. As far as the Italians are concerned, just imagine it: it was Wembley and we needed to win. The pressure really would be on you."

"The game will be all about which team goes out there and how close they get to their natural way of playing in the pressure pot of the Olympic Stadium. Each and every player has to go down that tunnel with 100 per cent belief in his mind and in his heart that he can do it."

If the side was picked on those criteria alone, Gary Neville would be one of the first names on the team-sheet.



1. P Sampras (US) 4,291 pts; 2. M Chang (US) 3,385; 3. P Rafter (Aus) 2,889; 4. G Rusedski (GB) 2,511; 5. C McIlroy (GB) 2,451; 6. Y Kafelnikov (Rus) 2,438; 7. S Bruguera (Sp) 2,267; 8. M Rios (Chi) 2,201; 9. G Harman (Can) 2,201; 10. A Corretja (Sp) 2,251. Other British players: 21. T Henman, 1,754; 143. C Wilkinson, 314; 146. A Richardson, 307.



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## Harlequins' overseas ranks swollen by Brooke's arrival

Never let it be said that England provides only a rest home for aged overseas rugby union players. Just 24 hours after Zimmar Brooke announced in New Zealand that he would spend his declining years with Harlequins, France revealed that they would welcome back a trio of exiles to international rugby, so good has been the form of Philippe Saint-Andre for Gloucester and Thierry Lacroix and Laurent Cabannes with Harlequins.

Saint-Andre, indeed, returns as captain of France for the Latin Cup tournament against Italy, Romania and Argentina later this month, the authorities having reconsidered their view of players living outside France. Under the terms of his contract with Gloucester, he can also look forward next season to playing against Brooke, who bade an emotional farewell to his Auckland colleagues at the weekend after their Ranfurly Shield defeat by Waikato.

The All Blacks back-row forward, one of the most versatile players of his generation, made 54 international appearances between 1987 and 1997. "For me it's the right time to step down," Brooke, 32, said. "Ten years is a long

David Hands on the imports benefiting from late moves to English club rugby

time." Curiously, the polyglot community at Harlequins includes players from France, Italy, Ireland, Wales and the United States, internationals from Tonga, Fiji and Canada — even one or two from England — but, curiously, no New Zealanders.

Since the Stoop has been a



Brooke: emotional

home for New Zealanders for 20 years and more, the most notable of them being Andy Haden, the arrival of Brooke, probably next August, will only revive a long-standing link.

"He has done things that no other player can do," John Hart, the New Zealand coach, said, including a dropped goal against England in the 1995 World Cup semi-final that strained convention for No 8 forwards.

"We will achieve playing benefits from having him but also other spin-offs," Andy Keast, the Harlequins director of rugby, said. "These marvellous, long-serving Test players can provide valuable guidance and leadership below the captaincy level for the less experienced players, and he might bring in a couple of thousand spectators from the New Zealand community in west London, who regard him as a hero."

Brooke would certainly be well-placed to offer Hart, his long-time mentor for Auckland and New Zealand, the latest information on British standards before the 1999 World Cup, and also to further a burgeoning television career, which has included his own chat show.

## Hamed has tougher challenge

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

NASEEM HAMED had been expecting a straightforward defence of his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight championship in Sheffield on Saturday. Yesterday, however, he learnt that he will be faced with a far stiffer challenge.

Instead of meeting Victor Llerena, of Colombia, Hamed will take on the WBO's No 1 contender, the tough Puerto Rican, Jose Badillo — and, perhaps bizarrely, it is the contest that Hamed's promoter, Frank Warren, wanted. "Badillo is a great fighter," Warren said yesterday. "He would have been guaranteed a challenge to Naz next year anyway, but feels he is ready to take this chance now."

Badillo was due to have boxed in California next week, but when that contest fell through, Warren offered him the chance to take on Hamed. Llerena was compensated for agreeing to step aside.

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